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Did You Hear that Noise?

The New and Ready Pay Store of

DRESSER BROS

On Broadway,

is crammed with one of the largest stocks of

DRY GOODS

ever brought to this market, consisting of

CLOTHS and CLOTHING, OVERCOATS, DRESS

COATS, PANTS, VESTS, &c.

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FACTORY CLOTH, OVERSHIRTS and DRAW

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RED and WHITE WOOLEN & COTTON

FLANNELS,

and any quantity of

Military Goods

designed for our Regiment, either on duty or Dress

Parade, and sold cheaper than they can be stole.

Hats & Caps

of the Latest Styles, comprising Fur Wool and Fel-

Boots & Shoes

such as Ladies Gaiters, Buskins, Balmorals and other

varieties of Ladies shoes, coarse and fine men's

and boy's Boots & Shoes of the best quality and at

the lowest rates.

Amputation of all kinds. Tobacco of the best

quality.

All Cloths sold by us will be cut FREE OF

CHARGE. Persons will thus save one shilling per

yard, as we will sell cloths as cheap as the

cheapest and throw the cutting in.

Custom Made Clothing made at short notice. Re-

member the sign DRESSER BROTHERS and fail not

to call.

Cash paid for hides and furs and all kinds of

grain received in pay for goods. v2n31tf.

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BRIDGE STREET, OWATONNA.

The undersigned having purchased the interest of

PEPPER & SMITH,

In the old Meat Market, on Bridge Street, respect-

fully inform the inhabitants of Steele County that

they intend keeping on hand an ample supply of

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Sausages, Chickens,

Turkeys, &c., &c.

Of the best quality, and trust by a careful atten-

tion to the wants of their customers, to merit a con-

tinuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed upon

the old firm.

S. H. CASH paid for

Hides, Pork, Turkeys, Chickens.

WM. SCRIBBY, H. M. PEPPER, v2n29tf

Owatonna, Oct. 29th, 1864.

IDAHO DEPOSITS!!

B. Chambers

WOULD inform the citizens of Owatonna and

everybody else that he has removed his stock

of Goods from Main St. to Broadway, in his store

ONE DOOR WEST OF EUREKA HOUSE,

where he has a large and extensive assortment of

Groceries

SUCH AS

Teas,

Sugars,

Syrups,

Coffees,

Spices,

&c., &c.

All kinds of

Dried Fruits

and everything else calculated to suit the most deli-

cious appetite.

He also wishes to inform the public that he has

a large assortment of

BOOTS & SHOES,

of all sizes and descriptions, of the best quality.

This goods are new and fresh, bought for cash

down, and will not be undersold. Idaho Gold Dust, Greenbacks, and all kinds of

COUNTRY PRODUCE

taken in exchange. v2n1tf.

Owatonna, April 28th, 1864.

DR. A. WELCH,

DENTIST.

CORNER ROOM, OVER THE ROCHESTER BANK.

Rochester - - - - - Minnesota.

We shall take pleasure in careful examinations

of the teeth, and giving a CHART, showing the con-

dition of the mouth, and cost of work to be done,

free of charge to all.

We modestly claim to EXCEL in

Rubber Plate Work.

One dollar a day allowed for board to those

from a distance, while being worked done. 33

Dr. A. Welch,

DENTIST, ROCHESTER, MINN.

Chandlery & Whitely's Block. Office op

stairs, 1st right hand door, in connection with

the office of Dr. Hyde, Physician. 27f

IT'S WELL IT'S NO WORSE.

In the good old times of stage coaches,

four horse teams and ten miles an hour,

including stoppages, there lived upon the

great eastern stage road a jolly fellow by

the name of Zachary Merrywell, who kept

a house of entertainment for man and beast;

one of the old-fashioned caravansaries,

which, with their sheds, piggeries, stable

and other out-buildings, used to occupy

nearly two acres of ground. Merrywell

kept a good table, charged moderately,

and was very popular, for he could sing

a good song, tell a good story, was on

the right side in politics, an officer in the

militia and a county commissioner. In

philosophy he was an optimist, and when-

ever any mishap occurred to him, as mis-

haps will occur to the most fortunate of

mortals, he always turned it off with a

jolly laugh, and the remark "It's well it's

no worse." Among his other good qual-

ities he was an admirable judge of ani-

mals, and the dealer who used to horse

the eastern stages never made a purchase

without consulting Capt. Merrywell.

One night there came to the Bald Eagle,

for by that name was "mine hosts" es-

tablishment known, a thin-faced mel-

ancholy man, who looked like an itinerant

clergyman, for the solemnity of his coun-

tenance and the cut and color of his garb,

mounted on a very nice nag, with a good

gait, a lovely eye and a long flowing tail

that swept the ground.

"Pretty good horse," thought the land-

lord, but he didn't say so, he merely asked—

"Have your horse put up, friend?"

"Yes," answered the melancholy man

in a drawing, listless tone. "I calculate

to stop here all night if you can accom-

modate me."

"Walk in and make yourself comfort-

able, sir. Jim hand me them saddle-

bags. I'm pretty full to-night, sir, but

I can manage to give you a bed. It's

well it's no worse."

While the guest was eating his supper

Capt. Zack walked into the stable to have

a look at the traveler's pony.

"Jim," said he, after looking into the

animal's mouth, poking his ribs, lifting

his dock and performing other manipu-

lations common to all horse fanciers, "now

I don't want you to say a word, but I

know that's a terrible nice horse."

"Yes sir," said the hostler.

"Can't be five years old; his bridle

teeth is just a colin."

"Yes sir."

"What an eye he's got, Jim!"

"Yes sir, two on 'em."

"No trouble 'bout his wind."

"Yes sir."

"What a color!"

"Yes sir."

"And a most elegant tail!"

"Yes sir."

"Jim, it strikes me that is jest the

hoss I want for my own ridin'. I expect

I shall have to serve on the staff, and that

tail is worth a Colonel's commission.

Now you know I am some on hosses,

Jim!"

"Yes sir," replied the man, with a sort

of smothered groan.

Merrywell started.

"Anything the matter with your in-

nards, sir?"

"Wickedness of cities," answered the

stranger, laconically.

"Aye! Aye! cities is wicked places,"

said the landlord. "It's well it's no

worse. Want your horse airy?"

"Seven o'clock," answered the stran-

ger.

"We will breakfast at half past six.

I reckon you're goin to Boston on busi-

ness."

"Yes, I've got a small amount of bu-

siness to attend to, and I wish to sell my

horse."

"Bad time for that," replied the land-

lord, with a shake of the head. "Boston

is chuck full of hosses, sir. I see a string

prime ones, sir, no sale for 'em, goin back

east."

"Why, there is where I came from,"

said the stranger, sadly.

"You'll be fetchin your hoss back, I

reckon," said the landlord.

"I don't know about that," said the

traveler, "he is an extraordinary fine

animal."

"What do you reckon he's worth,"

said the landlord, carelessly.

"A hundred and fifty dollars."

"Come, come, my friend," said the

landlord, pleasantly, "that won't do. Be-

tween ourselves, I don't know what you

give for him, but if you give anything

like that you got sucked in."

The stranger glanced sharply at the

landlord and then dropped his eyes.

"Come," said the landlord, "I'll tell

you what I'll do: I'll give you his full

worth, a clean hundred, cash down, say

nothing about the bill here, you throw

in the saddle and bridle, and we'll call it

square. Take me up or you will lose a

chance."

"My friend," said the traveler, after

glancing around, "I'm terribly in want

of money; I've got a payment to make to-

morrow. I am afraid in Boston I'll be

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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE COUNTY.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1865.

PARTY.

Some few persons, who have no home or identity anywhere, either in any political, social or religious party whatever, and who have not stability enough to guide them or keep them in any one place but a short time, are constantly engaged in trying to break up the stability of others, and hooting like savages about party ties, which are binding mankind together on moral and political questions. Why such persons are continually abusing those that are identified and trying to break up every organization is because every person who has any knowledge of them know that they are not reliable, and never known where to be found, and they assume the position that the only way for them is to break up all organizations of every kind, and make others as contemptible and vacillating as themselves. This class of people exist more or less in every community, and is the bane of society. We are told, and it is a self-evident fact, that unity is strength, and when men desire to accomplish any great object it is the part of wisdom for those to consolidate together and use every just and legitimate means to accomplish their designs. If this is wrong why did Christ when on earth, establish a church and certain creeds, and command all who wished to be one of His followers, to unite with the church, and to subscribe to the doctrines and discipline that he had laid down? From the example given us by Infinite Wisdom it is just that when men are desirous of destroying a political evil, either State or National, in their own country, for them to organize that they may cooperate together and rally around the same political emblem.

Nearly twenty years ago a class of people in our Northern States saw clearly the evil effect of American slavery, and that it was sapping the foundation of republican principles. They saw that the then two great political parties of the Union (Whig and Democrat) had sworn allegiance to the slave power, consequently they organized a third party, on the basis of the Wilmot proviso, viz: "That no more slave territory should be allowed, and that slavery should be restricted to its present boundary." Consequently, on this issue, they brought into the field in 1840, a Presidential candidate under the name of Free-soil. At the National Convention in Philadelphia, in 1854, which nominated J. C. Fremont for President, they changed the name of the organization to National Republicans, and since which time its final triumph has been the only hope and salvation of our beloved institutions. It was compelled to contest every step in its march to final victory by the combined energies of Whigs, Slaveholders and Democrats. Many democrats left their ranks with most whig party and united with the republican party. The balance of the democratic party united with the slaveholders and elected, in 1854, the old blue-lighted federal Buchanan for President.

The profligacy and treachery of Buchanan's administration caused the people to see their mistake, and in 1860 the republican party elected Abraham Lincoln to the Presidency. Since that time the history of the democratic party is well known to all, even to those who have not arrived to the age of majority.

During the present rebellion the democratic party have crippled in every possible way, the administration of the republican party, and even combined with traitors in arms to overthrow our government and establish a slave oligarchy on its ruins.

When the slaveholders rebelled in arms against the government, the democrats would neither volunteer or allow the government to bring into the field against his master, a single slave. They well knew that a large army must be raised to suppress the rebellion, and if they withheld from volunteering, and could prevent the enlistment of the slaves, it could compel the Union army to be filled with republicans, thereby thinning the republican ranks at home, so that they might lift themselves again into power, and this was one of the principle reasons why they tried to disfranchise the soldiers of our army. At the last election they conspired to defeat, by fraud, the popular expression of the people through the ballot box, but in this they failed, as in many other instances of treachery and corruption to which they have been accessory during our national struggle.

Now that the republican party has struggled so successfully so many years, in spite of all the calumny and abuse heaped upon it by the so-called democratic party, and has finally come off victorious, and achieved a conquest worthy of the principles involved.

We are cajoled by our enemies, and a few sycophants, dressed in republican costume, who ask us not to adhere to our principles longer, and go in for the election of some of their political candidates, who have been put in nomination for the express purpose of dividing our strength, and weakening the cause we have so long considered sacred to the perpetuity of a republican form of government. The individual who will amalgamate with copperheads to defeat a republican candidate, however low or high the office, is a traitor to the cause of republican principles, and should thus be considered and treated accordingly. No man can serve God and Mammon at the same time. Some persons there are that their only desire is to get into office, and they care but little how it is attained. They are ready to sacrifice God and humanity if it will secure to them the desired object, and if need be, overthrow the beautiful plan of self-government.

There is another class of people; who claim to be loyal, but despise and hate the name of republican, and refuse to affiliate with them in any particular, yet they ask republicans to vote for them, that they may be placed in power. If such men will not be connected with republicans for fear of being disgraced, is it not perfect weakness and inconsistent for republicans to exalt such base hypocrites? They say they are loyal, and it is known by all, who are honest and have the smallest amount of intelligence, that the republican party is the only loyal party in the nation, and when they are invited to come under our banner they are indignant, and affirm that they have no part with the "black republicans," but will connive with the democrats and vote with them on every political contest to divide our own ranks, and break us to pieces. Is there a republican that has sunk so low, and become so degraded that he can cast a vote in favor of such dissemblers? If we will not stand by the principles of our party can we expect our enemies will? Our political principles are founded on the immutable doctrines of Jehovah, and, although devils and copperheads may combine to deluge the earth with blood, and deal damnation round the land, causing the weak-kneed republicans to tremble at their ghastly visions, yet the gates of hell will never be permitted to prevail against them.

ST. LOUIS CORRESPONDENCE.

St. Louis, Jan. 24th, 1865.

Mr. Editor:—Missouri is a free State, and St. Louis is a free city, and in view of this fact, the good people of this city held a grand jubilee, or rather a sort of carnival, during the day and evening of the 14th, on which occasion the artillery companies brought out their biggest guns, and the boys exploded their choicest squibs and firecrackers, in a manner and with a degree of enthusiasm seldom equaled by this interesting portion of creation. And the ladies, God bless them, never looked so bewitching, or displayed their charms and ermine to a better advantage. Flags were displayed from the Court House and many other public buildings and business houses, to say nothing of those from private residences from different parts of the city, though the order of the Mayor in this respect was not responded to as unanimously by private individuals as was anticipated, and during the evening certain parties, who had become wealthy since the breaking out of the rebellion, by their increase of trade and natural influx of business, and whose magnificent residences should have been illuminated from cellar to garret in honor of the day of Missouri's deliverance, but on the contrary, every indication of a desire to respond to the wishes of the Mayor and military authorities, in this respect, was carefully and sullenly guarded against, and even the accustomed cheerful glow of gas and fire light was not permitted to escape, but by closely drawn shutters and blinds, their residences were made to present an appearance as dark, gloomy and unsocial as their own selfish hearts. This state of things was to be seen in many parts of the city, both during the afternoon and evening, and showed too plainly that the devilish spirit of secession was still unbroken, and that in their hearts many of them were still "clinging to the idols." But thank God there were many, very many, honorable and soul-cheering exceptions, and thousands of the freed-loving, God-serving, slavery-hating people of St. Louis flung their banners to the breeze on this, the day of their deliverance, with an enthusiasm seldom witnessed, and their residences in the evening were one bright glow of illumination, sending heavenward their bright and cheering rays like stars of freedom and liberty, reflected from happy, joyful hearts within, and neither time nor ex-

pense were spared to make this a day long to be remembered.

The good effects of the emancipation of slavery in this State, to say nothing of the humanity of the act, are already beginning to manifest themselves, and Missouri has entered upon a new era of her existence, and commenced a new and brighter of her history, on which has already been recorded in words of fire the actions of her convention, and which shall be handed down to future generations, and millions yet unborn shall shout the glad tidings of freedom and liberty and good will to all men.

Respectfully, E. W. C.

Gov. Fletcher's Proclamation of Freedom in Missouri.

The following is the text of Governor Fletcher's Proclamation of Freedom in Missouri, already noticed in our dispatches:

"EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, January 11, 1865.—It having pleased Divine Providence to inspire to righteous action the sovereign people of Missouri, who, through their delegates in convention assembled, with proper legal authority and solemnity, have this day ordained that hereafter in this State there shall be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except in punishment of crime, whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, and that all persons held to service or labor as slaves are hereby declared free: Now, therefore, by authority of the supreme executive power vested in me by the constitution of Missouri, I, Thomas C. Fletcher, Governor of the State of Missouri, do proclaim that henceforth and forever no person within the jurisdiction of this State shall be subject to any abridgement of liberty, except such as the law shall prescribe for the common good, or know any master but God.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the great seal of the State to be affixed, at Jefferson City, this eleventh day of January, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

"THOMAS C. FLETCHER,

"By the Governor: "FRANCIS RODMAN, Secretary of State."

Termination of the Reciprocity Treaty.

The Montreal Gazette the leading journal of Lower Canada, makes this reference of the recent action of Congress respecting the Reciprocity Treaty: "A resolution to give notice to repeal the Reciprocity Treaty has been passed at Washington. One year's notice is necessary, so the Treaty will only last a year from this date. We have for some time looked upon this as an inevitable result. It was Southern not Northern votes, which, in the first place, gave us the treaty. And since the secession of the South, the views of those who would actually oppose it have been rampantly in the ascendant. This is the fact governing the situation, and to expect any other result than that announced was folly. It would be poetic justice to make our tariff in all particulars reciprocal with that of the Federal States."

LATEST NEWS.

The following is a special dispatch to the Evening Telegraph:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.

It is now definitely known that Mr. Blair's mission to Richmond has been crowned with complete success. Mr. Davis pledged himself to send immediately, three gentlemen to Washington, to confer upon terms of peace. Mr. Davis stated distinctly to Mr. Blair that he could conclude peace and return to the Union upon terms that would be perfectly satisfactory to Mr. Lincoln and Congress.

Mr. Blair also had an interview with Gen. Lee who avowed himself desirous of ending the rebellion by laying down their arms and returning to the Union.

Mr. Blair also conversed with a majority of the rebel Congressmen, who represented themselves as in favor of abandoning further hostilities.

There can be no doubt that in a day or two, at the farthest, Commissioners will reach Washington, to bring from the repentant rebels a renewal of allegiance to the Union, the Constitution and the laws. Mr. Blair experienced the kindest of treatment at the houses of the authorities, and reported that since the fall of Fort Fisher an entire revulsion of public opinion has taken place. The most extreme advocates of "fighting it out to the bitter end" now admit the hopelessness of their cause. The probability of an early peace was freely discussed in social and political circles in Richmond, and a general feeling of joy and relief resulted from the rapid circulation of the information.

New York, Jan. 31.—6 p. m.—Gold excited and decidedly lower, opening at 211, declining to 202½, and closing at 205½.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.

Messrs. Richardson and Browne, journalist, who escaped from Salisbury prison, appeared before the committee on the conduct of the war this morning, testifying that the rebel authorities are murdering our soldiers by cold and hunger, while they might easily supply them with ample food and fuel. On November 25th many of our prisoners were without food for forty-eight hours. They mention deliberate cases of killing and wounding.

During the two months from the 18th of October to the 18th of December, the deaths were 20 per cent. of the whole. When they left at the latter date they were dying at the rate of 13 per cent. per month.

It is stated by Prof. Henry that the partial destruction of the Smithsonian buildings will not interrupt the regular active operations of the institution.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.

Col. North having been acquitted by the military commission before which he was tried, the Secretary of War directs that he be at once released from confinement.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31

The Herald's Fort Fisher correspondent says the total casualties in General Terry's Army in the fight at Fort Fisher was 691. Of these eleven officers and 77 men were killed, 39 officers and 472 men wounded and 97 men missing.

FORTRESS MONROE, Jan. 28.

The weather is bitter cold at the front and there is danger that the James river will be closed by ice. A mail for Fort Fisher left here to-day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.

Mary Harris, the young woman from Chicago, who shot and killed Andrew J. Burroughs, a clerk in the office of the Comptroller of Currency, yesterday, has been lodged in jail. It appears from the testimony that she stated to Mr. McCullough, the Comptroller, that Burroughs had violated his marriage engagement with her. He had done her no harm, but was engaged to her from childhood and had continued his correspondence with her until within a month of his marriage. She said she asked no sympathy for herself; all the sorrow to be felt was for her aged parent. She charged that the deceased had betrayed her from home and friends, and placed her in a house of ill fame, which determined her to do it.

ROANOKE ISLAND, Jan.

We learn that a large number of Union prisoners have been brought from Georgia to Salisbury, North Carolina to prevent their capture by Sherman. It is said the rebels are becoming more inhuman in their treatment of prisoners. The number of deaths from starvation is on the increase amounting to 50 per cent daily.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.

The editors of the country, who have control of the new patent process for making printing paper from corn husks, having been overwhelmed with letters of inquiry from farmers and others, give the following notice:

They desire to receive proposals from every State, County, and Town in the United States, for supplying dry and sound husks, as the same may be stripped from the corn. The husks and leaves gathered where convenient, should be delivered at railroad stations well packed in bales or bags. The editors wish to receive proposals stating the quantity that will be contracted for, and the price per pound, for one, two, or more cases, and address, with full directions, "D. H. Craig, General Agent of the associated Press, New York City.

—It is reported that seventy vessels, hitherto on the Wilmington blockade, will be sent to increase the blockade off Charleston, Galveston and other ports.

—An abolition society has been organized at Madrid, Spain, and in Cuba several newspapers advocate emancipation. It is probable the Spanish Colonies will be delivered from the accursed thing before many years.

—It is proposed to hold a World's Convention of Spiritualists in New York on the 22d of next February. Telegraphic operators remain at home, and hold conventions by the aid of electricity. Why cannot the mediums use their familiar spirits in the same way and save their own traveling expenses.

—In his address before the Tennessee State Convention, Andrew Johnson said:

"If Mr. Lincoln and Jeff. Davis were to unite their powers, they could not prevent the universal emancipation of the negro. It is like a huge avalanche, half on its course; its destiny is certain and irresistible. The negro will henceforth no longer wear the shackles that have so long and shamefully fettered his limbs. They will be stricken from him and he will stand forth redeemed, and regenerated and disenthralled."

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B. Chambers

WOULD inform the citizens of Owatonna and especially those that he has stored his stock of Goods from Main-St. to Broadway, in his store ONE DOOR WEST OF EUREKA HOUSE,

where he has a large and extensive assortment of

Groceries

SUCH AS
Teas,
Sugars,
Syrups,
Coffees,
Spices,
&c., &c.

Dried Fruits

and everything else calculated to suit the most delicate appetite. He also wishes to inform the public that he has a large assortment of

BOOTS & SHOES,

of all sizes and descriptions of the best quality. His goods are new and fresh, bought for cash down, and will not be undersold. Idaho Gold Dust, Greenbacks, and all kinds of

COUNTRY PRODUCE

taken in exchange. Owatonna, April 28th, 1864. v2n11f.

Meat Market,

BRIDGE STREET, OWATONNA.

The undersigned having purchased the interest of

PEPPER & SMITH,

In the old Meat Market, on Bridge Street, respectfully inform the inhabitants of Steele County that they intend keeping on hand an ample supply of

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Sausages, Chickens, Turkeys, &c., &c.,

Of the best quality, and trust, by a careful attention to the wants of their customers, to merit a continuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed upon the old firm.

N. B.—CASH paid for

Hides, Pork, Turkeys, Chickens.

WM. SCRIBY, H. M. PEPPER, Owatonna, Oct. 20th, 1864. v2n261f.

PIANOS & MELODEONS!

Harmoniums, Church and SCHOOL ORGANS!

AT MANUFACTURERS RETAIL PRICES.

A Liberal Discount to Ministers, Churches, Schools and Teachers!

THE undersigned is Agent for the best manufacture of the above instruments in the United States, all of which are fully warranted for 5 years.

TERMS CASH!

Apply, or address me, at Melford, Steele Co. Minn. [v2n11f] W. E. HAWLEY.

G. W. CHESLEY,

Photographer,

Over Wadsworth's Store,

Is now prepared to put up likenesses in all kinds of

His rate of rooms is equal to any in the State, and he has every facility for doing

FIRST CLASS WORK.

Please call and examine specimens.

Instructions Given in the Art.

Owatonna, Nov. 17, 1864. v2n301f.

DRUG STORE.

DOCT. D. S. HANSHA, would announce to the public that he still continues at his old stand to keep a well selected stock of

Drugs, Medicines, &c., ALSO HOW'S STEVENS' CELEBRATED FAMILY

Dye Colors,

Pure Native Grape Wine and Liquors. Strictly for medicinal purposes, and other articles usually kept in Drug Stores. All of which will be sold at the lowest cash price.

D. S. HANSHA. Owatonna, May 14th 1863.

STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Court of Probate

Steele County, ss. January 24, 1865. On filing the petition of Frederick C. Evans, for administration on the estate of William B. Evans, late of Steele County, deceased intestate; It is ordered that she give public notice by causing a true copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the PLAINDEALER, a newspaper published at Owatonna, prior to the third Saturday, being the 18th day of February A. D. 1865, that all persons interested may appear at a Court of Probate then to be held at the office of the Judge in Medford, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.

R. G. LINCOLN, Judge of Probate. RICKELL & HANWORTH, Attys. 40-41

STATE OF MINNESOTA. In Probate Court, Steele County, ss. January 6, A. D. 1865. On reading the petition of Sarah E. Webster, for administration on the estate of Joseph R. Webster, late of Owatonna, County of Steele, deceased, Ordered that public notice be given by causing a true copy of this order to be published three weeks successively, in the "Plaindealer," a newspaper printed at Owatonna, prior to the first Monday of February, A. D. 1865, that all persons interested may then appear at a Probate Court to be held at the Probate Office at Owatonna, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and show cause if any they have why the prayer of the petition should not be granted.

R. G. LINCOLN, Judge of Probate. RICKELL & HANWORTH, Attorneys.

W. L. Gaylord's Column.

NEW STORE.

W. L. Gaylord

Has recently opened a

DRY GOODS

AND

VARIETY STORE,

ON

BROADWAY, OWATONNA.

Where may be found as rich a variety of

LADIES DRESS GOODS

AND

TRIMMINGS,

SHAWLS, MANTILLAS,

As, as can be had in

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA.

ALSO,

A LARGE STOCK

OF

Mens' and Boys'

BOOTS & SHOES,

And any quantity of

LADIES' GAITERS,

SHOES, SLIPPERS, &c., &c.

ALSO,

A SUPERIOR STOCK

OF

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

OF ALL SIZES,

AND

A GENERAL STOCK

OF

HARDWARE,

All of which we propose to sell at as low figures as can be had in the State.

Without Exception.

We shall be happy to exhibit our stock of goods to all who may favor us with a call.

PRODUCE TAKEN

AT THE

MARKET PRICE

IN

EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.

Owatonna, Jan. 19, 1865. v2n309f.

The Owatonna Plaindealer.

HOME INTELLIGENCE.

Wanted.—A good, trustworthy boy who wants to learn the art of printing, can do so by applying at this office immediately. More than ordinary advantages will be given.

Having just received a large and new assortment of JOB TYPE from New York, we are now prepared to execute all kinds of Handbills or Posters in the most approved style, and in a neat and tasty manner. Those wishing such work done will not be disappointed in giving us a call, as we do not intend to be excelled by any Country Office in the State.

The Freedmen's Aid Society will hold its monthly meeting at the School House, next Saturday evening, at 6 1/2 o'clock. A general attendance is desired.

Sold Out.—Wm. HAMBURG has sold out his Bakery for a Billiard Table, and given up his former business. We are inclined to think that he considers instability the sequel of success.

Donation.—A donation party will be given at the Pioneer Hall, Rice Lake, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 7th, for the benefit of Rev. W. O. SHARP. A general invitation is given.

Social.—The Episcopal Social will be held at the house of Mr. HENNEVELL's next Wednesday evening. All ladies and gentlemen, both old and young, are cordially invited to be in attendance.

Musical.—The Singing Class began last Monday evening, under the instruction of Professor HAWLEY, at the Presbyterian Church, and will continue this week and next, and close with a concert the week following.

Card.—The citizens of Owatonna will please except the sincere thanks of the undersigned for the surprise he experienced on Friday evening last, the result of which was the reception of \$134.30. May God bless the generous donors. Jan. 30, 1865. J. F. WILCOX.

Lumber.—The Lumbermen in town are improving the sleighing to the best advantage. We notice from ten to twenty teams constantly employed drawing logs to the Saw Mill, and have already got a large quantity in the mill yards.

Harper's Monthly.—The February number is at hand, and is finely illustrated. It is a magazine of much interest to the reading community, and is highly prized by those who peruse its pages. Published at Franklin Square, N. Y. by HARPER & BROTHERS, at \$4 per year.

The True Flag is a weekly literary paper published in Boston, Mass. It is a very large sized periodical, and contains a large amount of choice reading matter and no advertisements. It has an extensive circulation throughout the country, and is highly esteemed. Published by MORTON & LINCOLN, at \$5 per year.

Tribune Almanac.—We have received the Tribune Almanac for the year 1865. There is probably compiled more useful and general intelligence in that little book than any other in the country. It costs but 20 cents, and it is worth many dollars to each family. Address The Tribune, New York.

Surprise Party.—The party at J. D. CROOKER'S last Friday evening was a perfect success to Rev. Mr. WILCOX, the Pastor of the Baptist Church. There was a large congregation present and proved to be very pleasant to all. The receipts for the benefit of Mr. WILCOX amounted to over \$130, all in cash.

Bell.—We learn that the Rev. A. TOWN is drawing in logs to the Steam Mill, for the purpose of getting lumber and timber to build a belfry in front of the church. He intends to have it built as soon as the weather will permit and the bell put in running order. Hurry up Mr. Town, for we are getting rather anxious in the matter.

Enoch Arden.—This beautiful poem by ALFRED TENNYSON, has reached us recently, through the politeness of TICKNOR & FIELDS, of Boston. It is issued in pamphlet form for twenty-five cents, in addition to the more costly editions in order that no one need be without it. It is one of the most popular poems of the day, and extremely interesting.

Tin Wedding.—A Tin Wedding took place last Saturday evening, at the residence of J. W. DREXLER. The party was a splendid affair, and the entertainment well befitting the occasion. The bride looked as gay and smiling as the sun, and she had just entered upon the duties of a wedded life. We wish them much pleasure, and may nothing occur to mar their future happiness.

Festival.—Our readers will notice the ladies' advertisement of a Festival on the evening of the 14th inst., at Morford's Hall. It is designed, and no doubt will be, one of the best got up entertainments of the season. The ladies know how to do it, and no pains will be spared to make pleasing and interesting. They are now preparing for the Old Folk's Concert, which will be new to most people, as they dress in ancient costume, and the singing will be of the old style, which, of itself will well pay the entrance fee of 25 cents.

Our Young Folks.—We have just received the January number of a new illustrated monthly magazine, entitled "Our Young Folks," published by TICKNOR & FIELDS, Boston, Mass. It is just such a work as has been long needed for the rising generation, and a copy should be placed in every family throughout the country. It gives them a taste for good reading, and is so well adapted to the young that the youth of our land will find it both instructive and interesting. Any person enclosing \$2 to the publishers, will receive the above named magazine for one year, postage paid.

Lady's Friend.—We have seldom seen a more touchingly beautiful engraving than that which embellishes the February number of the magazine. It is called "The Prisoner's Child," and is a story in itself. The face of the girl is full of an indescribable sadness, and as she feeds the bird outside the prison bars, we long to speak words of pity and comfort to her. The Double Steel Fashion Plate for this month is a very handsome one, both in design and execution: the contrast between the colors is especially fine. The other fashions and engravings of fancy-work are as usual varied and well executed. Price \$2.50. Address DEACON & PERRINSON, 319 Walnut street, Philadelphia.

Married.

In Owatonna, Jan. 28, 1865, by Rev. A. Town, Mr. MORRIS TATTO to Mrs. ANN E. WHITFIELD, both of Somerset.

Died.

January 28, 1865, WILLIE N., infant son of William N. and Mary E. Broidenstein, aged one year and nineteen days. Little Willie, like a sunbeam, Came to cheer our home awhile, But now our hearts are almost broken— We've lost our darling child.

New Advertisements.

Internal Revenue Notice. SPECIAL INCOME TAX.

OFFICE COLLECTOR INTERNAL REVENUE, 1 FINEST BUILDING, MINN., Owatonna, Jan. 23, 1865. Notice is hereby given, that the lists of taxes assessed in accordance with the joint resolution of Congress, approved July 4th, 1864, imposing a special tax on five per centum upon the gains, profits or income for the year ending December 31st, 1864, has been returned to me by the Assessor of the District, and that said taxes are now due and payable, and payment thereof is hereby demanded, and that I will attend either in person or by deputy, at the office of Wm. R. KINTON, the Deputy Collector for the Eighth Division of the First Collection District of the State of Minnesota, in Owatonna, in the county of Steele, from the 9th to the 15th of February, 1865. A personal notice by mailing, demanding payment within ten days from its service, will be mailed to the address of each person on the list who shall omit to pay such tax for more than ten days from said 15th day of February, for which a fee of twenty cents will be added. And all persons who shall neglect to pay the sum so demanded within the time specified in such special notice, will be liable to pay TEN PER CENTUM additional, and a fee of twenty cents for the service of the notice. JOHN S. HALL, Collector First Dist. Minnesota.

FESTIVAL!!

THE ladies of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Owatonna, with the assistance of friends, will give an entertainment at

Morford's Hall,

Tuesday Eve., Feb. 14, '65,

The proceeds of which are to be applied to aid in the erection of a church edifice.

The programme will comprise

MUSIC, CHARADES, (Both in Dialogue and Pantomime) and TABLEAU.

A grand feature of the evening will be the

OLD FOLKS' CONCERT,

characters in ancient costume.

Hot Oysters, Coffee, Cake, Ice

Cream, Peaches and Cream

And other refreshments will be sold at reasonable rates.

The disciples of Isaac Walton will have an opportunity to test their skill in the

"ANGLING RESERVOIR"

And Yankees to exercise their natural propensity on the

"GUESS CAKE."

Owatonna, Feb. 21, 1865. 41-2w

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas, Mathias Maltgen and Susan Margaret Maltgen, his wife, of the county of Rice, and Territory (now State) of Minnesota, did on the 30th day of April A. D. 1857 execute and deliver to Shields & McCutchen (a firm composed of Joseph Shields and Joseph McCutchen) of the same place, their deed of mortgage, whereby they granted and conveyed to said Shields & McCutchen, their heirs and assigns forever, the following tract or parcel of land, situated and being in the county of Steele and Territory (now State) of Minnesota, described as follows, to wit: The west half of the south west quarter of Section number eight, and the south west quarter of the south west quarter of Section number five and the south east quarter of the south east quarter of Section number six, all in Township number one hundred and seven north, of Range number twenty-one west, containing 160 acres, more or less, to secure to them, their heirs and assigns, the payment of the sum of four hundred dollars, due in twelve months after date, with interest at the rate of three per cent. per month from date till due, and five percent. per month from date till paid, interest payable semi-annually, according to the condition of said Mathias Maltgen's promissory note, bearing even date with said mortgage, which mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, in and for said county of Steele, on the twenty-eighth day of May A. D. 1857, at eleven o'clock A. M., in Book "A" of Mortgages, on pages 211 and 212. And whereas, said James Shields, one partner of said firm of Shields & McCutchen, did, on the twenty-sixth day of August A. D. 1859, sell and assign unto said Joseph McCutchen, the only remaining partner of said firm, all his right, title and interest, in and to said mortgage and the note thereby secured, which assignment was duly recorded in said Register's Office, on the twenty-eighth day of November, A. D. 1860, at 9 o'clock A. M., in Book "C" of Mortgages, on page 277. And whereas, default has been made in the condition of said mortgage by the non-payment of said note wherein there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of seven hundred and thirty-three dollars, and to wit: four hundred dollars of principal and three hundred and thirty-three dollars interest thereon, and no proceedings having been given, that by virtue of a power of sale in said mortgage contained, and of the Statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed and said mortgaged premises will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the office of the Register of Deeds, in and for said county of Owatonna in said county of Steele, on the seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1865, at ten o'clock A. M., of that day, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with the costs of sale, together with the sum of seventy dollars and fifty cents, being the tax on said premises for the years 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862 and 1863, and interest thereon paid by said McCutchen. Dated Fairbault, February 1st, 1865. JOSEPH MCCUTCHEN, Mortgagee and Assignee.

MORTGAGE SALE.—By virtue of a Mortgage, bearing date Dec. 27, 1861, William Heede and Cynthia P., his wife, of the County of Freeborn and State of Minnesota, conveyed to Benjamin Chamberlin, of the County of Outaouga and State of New York, certain premises described in said instrument as follows, viz: Being in the County of Freeborn and State of Minnesota, and known as the east half of south east quarter, north west quarter of south east quarter, and north east quarter of south west quarter of Section ten (10), Township one hundred and four (104) north, Range twenty-two (22) west, containing one hundred and sixty (160) acres of land, according to government survey. Said Mortgage, with the power of sale therein contained, was recorded in the Register's Office, in and for said County of Freeborn, the 3d day of January, A. D. 1862, at 4 o'clock P. M., in Book B of Mortgages, on pages 381 and 382. The amount due on said mortgage at the first publication of this notice is two hundred and thirty-five and 10/100 (\$235.10) dollars. Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that said mortgaged premises will be sold at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the 26th day of February, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the door of the Court Room, in the village of Albert Lea, in said County of Freeborn. Dated Jan. 12th, 1865. BENJ. CHAMBERLIN, Mortgagee.

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Attest & Intervene, Attorneys.

FORT FISHER HAS FALLEN!

WHEAT IS DOWN!

SO IS DRY GOODS!

AND THE

Closing Out Sale!

AT THE

ONE PRICE STORE

OF

J. D. BLAKE,

IN ROCHESTER,

WILL BE CONTINUED

TILL AFTER THE DRAFT!

Great Reduction in Prices!

OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF GOODS

Must be Closed Out

A large stock of

NEW GOODS

now arriving will be included in this sale, and must be sold regardless of market values.

Bargains! Bargains!

Rich Dress Delaines,	45c pr yd
Delaines in Remnants,	40 "
Rich Valencia Plaids,	40 to 50 "
All Wool Merinos,	\$1.25 "
Best Dress Prints,	35 "
Phillip Allen's Prints,	33 1/2 "
Good Dress Prints,	30 "
Fast Color Prints,	25 "
Domestic Ginghams,	25 to 40 "
Fine Corset Jeans,	45 "
Worsted Dress Trimmings,	5 "
35-Worsted Braids,	12 1/2 each
Narrow Worsted Braids,	10 "
Best Spool Cotton (Willmantic),	10c spool
Common Pins,	5 Paper
Shetland Wool,	20 pr oz
Zephyr Worsted,	25 "
Fine Common Cambrics,	25 pr yd
Paper Cambrics,	25 "
Heavy Yard Wide Sheetings,	25c yd
Fine Sheetings,	25 to 50 "
Fine Bleached Cotton,	30 "
Good Batiment Flannels,	50 "
All Wool Twills,	50 to 75 "
Cotton Batting,	25 pr lb
Fine Cotton Batting,	15c pr lb
Ladies' Fine Closets,	\$7.00 to \$20.00 each
Heavy Long Shawls,	\$6.50 to \$8.00 "
Fine Cashmere,	\$5.00 "
Good Batiment Skirts,	\$3.50 "
Children's Knit Skating Caps,	50c "
Ladies' Fur Skating Caps,	\$1.75 "
Worsted Hosiery for "	75c worth \$1.25
All Wool Hose,	27 1/2 to 50c

And all other goods marked down at

J. D. BLAKE'S, Rochester.

LADIES' RICH FUR GOODS

Marked down to close them out.

Ladies' Sets of Furs, Victorines and Coats, \$5.50 to \$7.00.

AT J. D. BLAKE'S,

CARPETINGS!

All Wool Super Ingrain Carpets, worth \$2.50 to \$2.75, marked down to \$2.00 and \$2.25.

Feathers marked from \$1.10 to 65c,

at the Carpet Hall of

J. D. BLAKE'S, ROCHESTER.

Great Slaughter

IN PRICES AT THE

ROCHESTER ONE PRICE STORE

CLOTHING ROOMS

OF J. D. BLAKE.

Our Stock Must be Sold.

Heavy Kersey Overcoats,	\$6.50
Sack Coats,	5.00
Men's Woolen Vests,	1.50
Fine Clothing very cheap,	
Boys' and Men's Caps,	25 to 50c
Men's Nativ Fur Caps, only	\$1.50 each
Men's Under Shirts and Drawers,	\$1.75
All Wool Fancy Cassimeres & Doekings,	\$1.50 to \$1.75
Kentucky Jeans,	50c pr yd

MR. A. D. LEET

still presides as "Knight of the Shears" in our Custom Tailoring Department, and is prepared to give "FITS and OUTFITS" in the most approved styles. Anticipating a ticket in Uncle Sam's Lottery, I have resolved to close out my large stock of goods before the 15th of February.

Avail yourselves of this opportunity to obtain genuine Bargains at the

ROCHESTER ONE PRICE STORE.

Yours Truly, J. D. BLAKE.

ROCHESTER, MINN., Dec. 8th, 1864. 33

J. J. Knapp

HAVING purchased the stock formerly owned by

H. C. MOSES, also the

Groceries, Crockery & Glass

ware,

Formerly owned by J. D. BLAKE, and removed the same to his new store, formerly occupied by J. D. Blake as a CLOTHING ROOM, is now prepared to sell the same at the lowest cash prices.

Without Regard to Cost!

Good Sugar, 5¢ for \$1.00.

Good Tea, \$1.00 per lb.

Dried Peaches, 25¢ per lb.

"Don't forget the place—one door south of Blake's."

J. J. KNAPP.

BATCHELDER & CLEMENT'S COLUMN

\$60,000.

BATCHELDER & CLEMENT

FARIBAULT,

WILL CLOSE

THEIR SALES ROOMS

On Tuesday & Wednesday,

THE 24TH AND 25TH INSTS.,

for the purpose of

Marking Down

THEIR

WHOLE STOCK OF GOODS

10 to 30 per cent.

and some even

50 Per Cent.

OR

Half Price.

THE STORES WILL BE

RE-OPENED

ON THURSDAY THE 26th INST.,

to begin the

GREAT SALE

AT THE

REDUCED PRICES!

OUR STOCK ON HAND

amounts to about

SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS,

and the

ASSORTMENT IS COMPLETE!

Our Sales for the past seven

months have exceeded our ex-

pectations for the whole year.

Therefore we are willing to

GIVE OUR CUSTOMERS

THE BENEFIT

of our

STOCK ON HAND

at the

REDUCED PRICES

Fairbault, Jan. 19th, 1865. 59

SAMUEL FRIEND,

DEALER IN

READY-MADE

CLOTHING

HATS & CAPS,

BOY'S CLOTHING,

AND

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,

AT THE

People's Store,

Bridge St., Owatonna, Minn.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the citizens of Owatonna and vicinity that he has rented the new building on Bridge St., called the

DRESSER BUILDING,

where he will keep constantly on hand a

Full & Fashionable Assortment

OF ALL KINDS OF

GENTS' READY-MADE CLOTHING,

&c., &c. &c.

Being connected with the large and extensive Wholesale Clothing House of

H. FRIEND & BRO.,

of Milwaukee, I flatter myself that I can suit you all in

QUALITIES & PRICES.

Remember the

PEOPLE'S STORE,

SAMUEL FRIEND.

Having taken charge of the PEOPLE'S STORE, I will endeavor to please my friends that will favor me with their patronage, and satisfy them in all respects. Try me and give me a call.

Respectfully, J. NEWSALT, People's Agent.

Owatonna, May 12th, 1864. v2n3d.

Great Attraction!!

GOODS SOLD AT

PANIC PRICES!!

WHERE?

AT

Andrews' Store

IN

ROCHESTER,

A very large stock of

DRY GOODS,

selling at

Great Sacrifices from Cost.

F. W. ANDREWS

having removed from the corner of College and Broadway, to the large and commodious store in the

CITY POST BUILDING,

opposite the new Bank of Chadbourn & Whitney's now offers his stock at prices corresponding with the decline in the market.

Look at ANDREWS' for a large line of

Domestic Goods,

Sheetings, Denims, Ticks, Stripes,

Cotton & Wool Yarn, Blankets, &c., &c.

New Musical
AND
Jewelry Store.

D. STEVENS

Would announce to the people of Steele County that he keeps a large quantity of

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Constantly on hand, of the best qualities, comprising

Prince & Co. Melodions, of Buffalo, N. Y., O. F. Wilder's Melodions, St. Paul, &c., &c.

Agent for the

EMPIRE SEWING MACHINE.

Also, Wholesale and Retail dealer in

WATCHES & JEWELRY

WATCHES REPAIRED ON SHORTEST NOTICE AND WARRANTED IN ALL CASES.

Main Street, opposite the National Hotel.

Faribault, August 4th, 1864. v2n15f

NEW MILLINERY STORE.

MRS. M. J. MYRICK would inform the public that she has opened a

Millinery Store

on Main Street, Owatonna, where will be kept on hand a large assortment of ladies'

Bonnets, Hats and Trimmings,

of the latest styles. Ladies desiring

RICH & ELEGANT BONNETS,

at lower figures than can be bought in Milwaukee or Chicago, can procure them at my store and trimmed to their own liking. Everything in the way of

HEAD-DRESSES,

either Plain or Ornamental, and all sizes and qualities of RIBBONS, for trimmings, will be sold as cheap as can be had in any market.

My stock is new and of the very latest styles, and purchased at the lowest cash prices.

Owatonna, Nov. 10th, 1864. v2n29f

THE OLD FLAG STILL WAVES!

THE GOOD OLD TIME HAS COME!

To all who buy their goods of

J. P. GURR,

At Rice Lake, where he keeps a large stock of

DRY GOODS

Consisting in part of

SHA WLS.

PRINTS, best qualities at 25 cts.

DE LAINES.

SUMMER CLOTHING.

FACTORY, Bleached and

Unbleached, from 20 to 35 cts., and other

things in proportion.

A good assortment of

HOOP SKIRTS, BOOTS & SHOES, READY-MADE CLOTHING, CROCKERY

GLASS WARE, SASH & WINDOW GLASS, TIN WARE.

ALL KINDS OF

FARMING UTENSILS, Nails, YANKEE NOTIONS

Also a fine assortment of

GROCERIES!

Of all kinds, and almost everything for

FAMILY USE!

Which we are selling as cheap as any

Store in the West.

We sell for READY PAY, and give the

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE

for all kinds of Country Produce.

Rice Lake, June 16th, 1864. v2n28f

GEORGE HEAD,

Wholesale and Retail

GROCER

Bank Block, Broadway, Rochester, Minn.

Offers to the trade the largest and best selected stock of

GROCERIES

Ever brought to this market—bought during the late panic and will be sold at panic prices—consisting in part of

SUGARS, COFFEES, TEAS, TOBACCOS, FISH, DRIED FRUITS, GREEN FRUITS, PURE LIQUORS, ALL KINDS OF BUTTER, SYRUPS, MOLASSES, WOODEN WARE, CANNED GOODS, KEROSENE OIL, DRIED HERRING, SALT, &c., &c.

I shall be glad to see or receive orders from my friends in the city or country. Hotel-keepers will find it to their interest, at all times, to examine my stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Country Merchants

Will find it to their interest to call and examine my stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

CASH PAID FOR BUTTER & EGGS.

ROCHESTER, Oct. 20th, 1864. v2n26f

HASTINGS MARBLE WORKS.

C. J. Adrach,

LIME! LIME!!

THE undersigned would give notice to the inhabitants of Steele County that he has recently opened a

LIME KILN

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CHARGE. Persons will thus save one shilling

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Custom Made Clothing made at short notice. Re-

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call.

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skins received in pay for goods. v22

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where he has a large and extensive assortment of

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SUCH AS

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&c., &c.

All kinds of

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He also wishes to inform the public that he has

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His goods are new and fresh, brought for cash

down, and will not be underbid.

Idaho Gold Dust, Greenbacks, and all kinds of

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Beef, Pork, Mutton, Sausages, Chickens,

Turkeys, &c., &c.

Of the best quality, and trust, by a careful atten-

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kill Park—Diamond ditto—private ditto

—the grand fun—men on skates, boys

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skirts, steel-shod and shirring away over

the ice—the—thunder! the very

reading gave me the ice-fever, and in the

delirium consequent upon the sudden at-

tack, I resolved upon taking an ice-cruise

myself.

Why not? What was to hinder? I

had never navigated that sort of craft, 'tis

true. But then I'd been on the water,

and under water, all my life—and on ice,

too, some. Hadn't I killed seals, and

chased white bears, for weeks together,

on ice?

Women could skate—so the papers said.

So did everybody else, when I inquired

of 'em. I could skate! What was the

reason I couldn't? The only thing I'd

ever seen a woman do that I couldn't,

was to hook her own dress aft, and, car-

rying six feet breadth of crinoline, sail

through a twenty-inch door-way. Yes,

sir—I could skate; and I was bound on

an ice-cruise.

There was nothing to prevent the ex-

pedition from being fitted out at once. I

was lounging about the Navy Yard, de-

tached from everything—all acquaint-

ances included—waiting orders. Dis-

gusted with bar-rooms, debating the-

atres, what was I to do for amusement?

Why, skate, of course! Ah, yes!—the

very thing, by Jove! Why hadn't I

thought of that before? I'd have a cruise

directly; or sooner if possible. No—I

must have the tools first, and started off

up town to find 'em.

I brought up in front of a big window

on the starboard side of Chestnut street,

going towards Schuykill, where they had

more different rigs of sliding-machines

than you can see national flags in Gibrat-

tar. Knowing about as much of the qual-

ifications of the different patterns as a cow

does of chronometer time, I went inside,

and asked for a pair of skates.

"What kind do you prefer, sir?"

"Oh, I have no preference. Give me

the best article you've got."

"Yes, sir," and the clerk passed out

for inspection a pair of brass-clad, steel

slippers, with more gillies and running

rigging to 'em than there is to a French

sloop-of-war.

"These are the best, are they?"

"Yes, sir—decidedly! Just get on

to them, sir, and you'll go everywhere

and anywhere, like patent lightning! If

you don't find it so, bring 'em back, sir,

and I'll return your money."

"What's the price?"

"Fourteen dollars! Very cheap, sir."

Didn't believe that, of course; but in-

vested the amount, and made sail for

Fairmount.

Found superb skating. Everybody

said so—only those that called it elegant!

splendid! magnificent! There was a

regiment of men, a battalion of dimity,

and a whole brigade of small craft, on

The Owatonna Plaindealer.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE COUNTY.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1865.

Constitutional Amendment.

Every lover of humanity and equal rights will be pleased to learn that the amendment to the Constitution, abolishing slavery and forever prohibiting its existence in the United States, has passed the House of Representatives, with a fair prospect that the measure will be sustained in the Senate. The vote in the House stood: Yeas, 119; Nays, 56. This achievement for freedom was hardly expected from the present Congress, and is a hopeful indication of the progress of humane and enlightened national sentiment.

Remarkable Meteoric Phenomenon.

On Saturday the 28th ult., as we learn from the St. Paul papers, a splendid meteoric appearance was witnessed in that city, a little before sunrise. Its appearance and transit are thus described by the *Pioneer*:

It is described as a meteoric transit across the east or north-east, just before sunrise, of a luminous body like a comet, making an extensive track, and accompanied by a crash, resembling the breaking up of the ice in the Mississippi, and followed by smoke which lasted some time. The phenomenon was also witnessed in several other localities in the State.

Removing the Corner Stone of Slavery.

Alec Stephens, Vice President of the Rebel Confederacy, in a speech made by him soon after the commencement of the rebellion, said: "Slavery is the chief corner stone of the Confederacy." The *Richmond Examiner* ungraciously proposes to knock the underpinning from under the establishment and sell out the whole concern, thus impaired, to France and England. The *Examiner* says:

"If France and England will enter into a treaty with these Confederate States, recognizing our nationality and guaranteeing our independence upon the abolition of Slavery in all these States, rather than continue the war, we should be prepared to urge the measure upon our readers. We believe such a proposition would be favorably received and acted upon by those nations, and it ought to be made to them."

The New Three Cent Currency.

The new three cent fractional currency, which will soon be in general circulation, are beautifully engraved. On the face, in the center, is a steel engraving of Gen. Washington, under the words "three cents." In the upper corner is the figure "3," under "E Pluribus Unum." In the lower corner, back of the flowers, they bear the words on the face:

Act of March 3d, 1863,
United States,
Receivable for all U. S. Stamps,
THREE CENTS.
Furnished only by the Assistant Treasurers and Designated Depositories of the United States Treasury Department.

On the opposite side, in a field of green, is the figure "3" under "III" in each corner. They are finely executed, and it will be almost an impossibility to imitate them.—*Pioneer*.

A Magnificent Project.

To some of the merchant princes and millionaires of New York is credited the contemplation of a project at once magnificent, generous and grand. The plan is to present to the United States Government \$2,000,000,000 and thus relieve the nation of the public debt. It is proposed to make the gift in 200,000 shares of \$10,000 each, of which A. T. Stewart, William B. Astor, and others will each take fifty shares, making up at least a quarter of the whole amount in New York. The realization of such a project would place both Government and citizens in a prouder position than ever Government or citizens occupied before. History gives no parallel to such an act. The Venetians held in grateful remembrance the name of a man who, by a life-time of personal sacrifice and hard faced usury, obtained means to relieve the Republic of its financial burdens, and placed it again on the road to prosperity after a long and disastrous war. They forgot his exacting usury and his life of selfishness in the lasting benefit he conferred upon the State. But we should have no abuses to forget, and only the generous patriotism of republican citizens to remember.—*Springfield (Mass) Republican*.

—On Thursday last a Federal deserter who had fled to Canada, was married on the ice in Detroit river, midway between the American and Canadian shores, to a Southern girl with whom he had fallen in love while in hospital at Nashville, where she was a nurse. The novel locality was chosen because neither party had money enough to pay for a marriage license. In this respect their case was not an ice-olated one, but in others it was.

Negro Suffrage.

The bill amending the Constitution of Minnesota, allowing the negro the right franchise, has passed the House by a vote of 31 yeas, 8 nays. The bill as passed is as follows:

A BILL for an act proposing an amendment to Section 1, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota:

Sec. 1. The following amendment to the Constitution of this State is hereby proposed for publication, and approval or rejection by the people, in accordance with section 1, of article 14, of the Constitution; that is to say, that section 1, of article 7, of the Constitution shall be amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 1. Every male person of the age of 21 years or upwards, belonging to either of the following classes, who shall have resided in the United States one year, and in this State for four months next preceding any election, shall be entitled to vote at such election, in the election district of which he shall at the time have been for ten days a resident, for all officers that now or hereafter may be elective by the people.

First—Citizens of the United States.

Second—Persons of foreign birth who shall have declared their intentions to become citizens conformably to the laws of the United States upon the subject of naturalization.

Third—Persons of mixed white and Indian blood who have adopted the customs and habits of civilization.

Fourth—Persons of Indian blood residing in the State who have adopted the language, customs and habits of civilization, after an examination before any district court of this State, in such a manner as may be provided by law, and shall have been pronounced by said court capable of enjoying the rights of citizenship within the State.

Sec. 2. This proposed amendment shall be submitted to the people of the several districts of this State, for their approval or rejection, at the general election of 1865, and said election shall be governed, and returns thereof made in accordance with the present laws pertaining to general elections.

Sec. 3. The ballots used at said election shall be written or printed as follows: "For amendment to section 1, article 7," or "Against amendment to section 1, article 7," as the case may be.

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect on and after its passage.

The Andersonville Rebel Prison Keeper.

This individual, S. B. Davis by name, was arraigned in Cincinnati on Tuesday for trial before the court martial, charged with being a rebel spy. The circumstances of his detection and arrest are as follows:

A young soldier, Archibald Parks, of the 16th Illinois cavalry, detected him on a train going from Toledo to Newark. The soldier had been a prisoner at Andersonville, and recognized his rebel friend. Approaching him, he said: "Is this not S. B. Davis?" "No, sir; my name is Cummings." "Don't you live in Georgia?" "No, sir; I live in Canada." Here is my passport, and the suspected man drew forth a paper, having the appearance of an official passport, giving the bearer, Willoughby Cummings, permission to go into the United States, except into the insurgent States. The young soldier was not satisfied, but did not press his inquiries further just then. Cummings invited him out to take a drink at the next station, when he said: "You certainly are the man who had charge of the rebel prison at Andersonville." Cummings protested that he was not; but the soldier kept a close watch on him. At the next station, he found a train of cars waiting, on which were a number of soldiers. He went over to them and said: "Boys, were any of you prisoners at Andersonville, Georgia?" Some of them replied they were. "Well," said he, "Davis, who had command of the prison, is over here in this train; come and see him." They went with him, and recognized Davis at once, saying, "How are you Davis? You are not around feeding Yankees corn meal and mule man now." The fellow still protested his name was Cummings, and again produced his passport; but he could not fool the boys, and they compelled him to acknowledge that he was their old keeper. Two of them guarded the car, and sent a dispatch to the Provost Marshal at Newark, where Davis was arrested on the arrival of the train. He had through tickets for Washington, and acknowledged he was trying to get back to Richmond.

Relative to his arrest, the *Columbus Journal* says:

Lieut. Davis, whose capture was announced in Friday's *Journal*, has been transferred to Cincinnati. He made full confession, stating that he destroyed his dispatches after he was captured. They were written on silk and sewn on the inside of his coat sleeve. Watching his opportunity, he cut them out and burned them. He also acknowledged that the treatment of the Federal prisoners at Andersonville and other places, was severe, but asserted that he was only obeying orders, and that he was not in any way responsible. It is to be hoped that he will not be allowed to escape.

AN IMPORTANT ORDER.

The St. Paul *Pioneer* says: By order of the Secretary of War, when an enlisted man arrives at a draft rendezvous, any money he may have with him exceeding \$20 will be taken and placed in the hands of the Paymaster at the rendezvous, who shall enter the amount in a check book, to be given to the soldier at the time the money is taken. Money thus taken to be deposited in a Public Depository of the United States or National Bank. After arriving at his regiment, the soldier may claim the payment of the amount of his deposit from the Paymaster who pays his regiment, when the first regular payments are being made him. The object of this order is to prevent bounty jumping.

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NEWS ITEMS.

The Smithsonian Institute at Washington, was partially destroyed by fire on the 24th ult.

—It appears from a communication of the Secretary of War that the entire subject of an exchange of prisoners is now placed in the hands of Lieut. Gen. Grant, and that although only partial exchanges have been made there is reason to believe a full exchange will soon be effected.

—The total casualties of Gen. Terry's army in the fight at Fort Fisher were 691. Of the 11 officers and 77 men were killed, 39 officers and 472 men wounded, and missing.

—The War Department at Washington has been notified of the arrival of the rebel Congressman H. S. Foote, within the lines of Sheridan's army at Winchester, Va.

—It is asserted that the Emperor Napoleon has nominated the Prince Napoleon as regent of the French Empire in the event of his death.

—Gossip about Chicago and South Bend, Ind., have it that a matrimonial alliance is imminent between Mrs. Douglas and Speaker Colfax.

—Petroleum is now found in the Canadas, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Western Virginia, Indiana, California, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Michigan, Kansas, and Colorado. Dr. Williams, Professor at Meadville, locates the true geographical center of the oil territory at Cincinnati, the Kentucky and West Virginia developments being of a more promising character than any heretofore discovered.

The article is to be found in greater or less quantity throughout the whole vast area of the coal basin of North America.

—The *Augusta Constitutionalist* says that city is filled with fugitives from South Carolina. It would appear that a panic had seized upon the people of that State on the approach of the Union army, and they are ready to leave everything to save their lives.

—The bill abolishing the Black Laws, except the law prohibiting intermarriage between the blacks and whites, passed the Illinois Senate yesterday.

—Herald's Savannah correspondent of the 18th says:

Sherman's army is still there, resting on its well earned laurels, but is very busy getting ready for another march.

—Late advices from Eastport, Miss., confirm the report that the 18th Tennessee cavalry, about six hundred strong under Col. Johnson, encamped in Clifton, Tennessee, had sent word into our lines that they wish to surrender, take the oath and go home.

—There are indications that Mr. Seward will soon receive the appointment of minister to England.

—Gen. Grant has recently been quite indisposed and confined to his quarters. He is improving, however, and will speedily be able to attend to his out-of-door duties.

—The *Times*' special says:—"Gen. Sherman writes privately to high officials most encouraging news of the situation in South Carolina. There is no point of importance in that State that does not lie at his mercy."

—To indicate the magnitude of the Petroleum interests of this country, it may be stated that the products of its oil wells have amounted in value the last year to more than \$25,000,000, while that of the California mines for the year 1864, according to the San Francisco *Mercurial Gazette*, amounted to about \$44,000,000.

—M. S. Drake, an actor of Cincinnati, was made heir by his grandfather to an almost fabulous number of worthless Virginia acres, which have lain unattended ever since—rather an inconvenience than otherwise. Last Saturday he received a letter from a prospecting company, who have found oil on his premises, offering him the snug little sum of \$270,000 cash for his property.

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LATEST NEWS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—President Lincoln and Secretary Seward arrived from Fortress Monroe this morning. They had an informal conference with Stephens, Hunter and Campbell on board the steamer River Queen in Hampton Roads. The conference occupied four hours and is positively known to have resulted in no change of attitude either the Government or the rebels. In other words, it was a failure.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 4.—A special dispatch to the *Baltimore American* from Annapolis, after announcing the arrival there of President Lincoln and Secretary Seward, says it was rumored on board the steamer that brought them that an armistice of thirty days would take place and prospects of an early settlement of our difficulties was brighter. This, of course, is all rumor.

NEW YORK, Feb. 4.—The *Tribune's* City Point dispatch, dated Feb. 1, says: It is understood here that Mr. Stephens is instructed by Jeff. Davis' cabinet to make peace on the best terms he can, but to make peace. It is also thought here that Mr. Stephens will not return to the Confederacy if he does not succeed in the object of his mission.

From various demonstrations in front of the 9th corps, last night and this morning, it is apprehended by some that the rebels intended to make an attack to-day, and by others that they are about evacuating Petersburg.

There was considerable artillery firing last evening, brought on by the enemy, particularly in the neighborhood of Battery No. 5. I think, however, that all demonstrations of strength by the rebels at this time are for the purpose of giving tone to Mr. Stephens peace mission.

The *Times*' Washington special says it is understood here that Lincoln and Seward are on their way back, but nothing is known of the result of the conference.

The *World's* Washington special says it is well known here to-night that on Thursday the President, Secretary Seward and the Richmond Commissioners had a long interview at Fort Monroe and the radical Congressmen who yesterday sneered at the whole peace affair, do not hesitate to admit to-night that their faith is now the other way. It is reported that the President and Secretary Seward will return before Sunday.

The double headed editorial on Peace, in the *Chronicle* to-day, rendered emphatic by its large capitals has attracted attention everywhere, and is regarded as being officially inspired.

By the late Southern papers it appears that all their able-bodied men have been forced into the army by conscription, and the rebel authorities are rather singularly calling for volunteers. A bill has been introduced into their Senate, urging all, except those already in the army, and decenter, to form military companies to serve during the war—the members to be permitted to choose their own officers.

Mr. J. L. Pugh, member of the military committee in the House of Representatives, in a letter which he has written, gives the outline for the conscription of all males between 18 and 55 years, for placing in the army of all men between these ages now exempt under draftment for other services, and for reduction to the ranks of the all officers without commands.

One thousand paroled Union prisoners were on Tuesday last detained in James river by the ice.

By the arrival of the steamer Empire City from New Orleans, Jan. 25th, we learn that the holiday in honor of the abolition of slavery in Maryland and Tennessee, fixed by Gov. Hahn, was duly celebrated.

In a late rebel raid on the plantations in the neighborhood of Concordia Lake, La., nearly everything of value was destroyed or carried off.

Rebel deserters from Mobile, who recently reached the Union fleet in the Bay, stated that it was the general belief that the city would soon be evacuated, without waiting for the advance from Pensacola of Gen. Gordon Granger, whose force they represent as having been increased to 25,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The *Commercial's* Washington special says the State financial committee have stricken from the Legislative appropriation bill the \$250,000 for additional compensation to the Treasury clerks; also the proviso that no further expenditure be made for experiments in hydraulic printing. There is a strong pressure upon the War Department to procure a postponement of the Draft.

An attempt will be made to secure a subsidy for a line of Mail Steamers between California and Asia.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—LATEST.—Richmond papers are filled with belligerent editorials, denouncing re-union, and claiming that the army is for fighting it out.

They had no fears of the result of the conference. They rejoice greatly over Lee's promotion.

The *Sentinel* says no more rebel Treasury notes are to be issued.

The *Whig* demands that Bragg be entirely set aside as utterly worthless.

The *World's* Washington special says it is reported in that city, that the rebels have adopted a new war policy. Richmond is to be evacuated, and the whole Atlantic coast is to be abandoned, and a stand made inland.

A proposal is made in the Rebel Congress to buy and arm 100,000 slaves, and give one to each white soldier in the service.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 6.—A special dispatch to the *Evening Telegraph*, dated Washington, 6th, says the Richmond *Whig* has the following:

CHARLESTON, Feb. 2.—A dispatch from Braxton Bridge, dated 7:40 last night, says the enemy advanced to-day across the Whippy Swamp, driving our cavalry on our left, six miles from this place. They are supposed to be in heavy force. There is also a column of cavalry on the Augusta Road, moving rapidly from some unknown point. Whippy Swamp is about thirty miles northwest of Pocotaligo, and about the same distance southwest of Branchville.

Before reaching the latter place, Sherman's troops will have to cross several tributaries of the Cambahee as well as the Edisto.

When last heard from the enemy had possession of McBride's Bridge, and skirmishing is going on at the front of Braxton Bridge.

The enemy is certainly moving on Branchville.

A dispatch from Adam's Run says the enemy came up in barges to Young's Island yesterday about noon and drove our pickets. They have fired several buildings on the plantations, and are retreating. This morning three steamers are off White's Point, and a landing is threatened. Adam's Run is about twenty miles from Charleston.

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Did You Hear that Noise?

The New and Ready Pay Store of
DRESSER BROS
On Broadway.

Is crammed with one of the largest stocks of
DRY GOODS
ever brought to this market, consisting of

CLOTHS and CLOTHING, OVERCOATS, DRESS COATS, PANTS, VESTS, &c.
Prints of all kinds.
FACTORY CLOTH, OVERSHIRTS and DRAWERS, BUCK SKIN GLOVES and MITTENS, RED and WHITE WOOLLEN and COTTON FLANNELS,

and any quantity of

Military Goods
designed for our Regiment, either on duty or Dress Parade, and sold cheaper than they can be stole.

Hats & Caps
of the Latest Styles, comprising Fur, Wool and Felt.

Boots & Shoes
such as Ladies Gaiters, Husbands, Balmorals and other varieties of Ladies shoes, coarse and fine men's and boy's Boots & Shoes of the best quality and at the lowest rates.

Amputation of all kinds. Tobacco of the best quality.

All Cloths sold by us will be cut **FREE OF CHARGE**. Persons will thus save one shilling per yard, as we will sell cloths as cheap as the cheapest and throw the cutting in. Custom Made Clothing made at short notice. Remember the sign DRESSER BROTHERS and fail not to call.

Cash paid for hides and furs and all kinds of goods received in pay for goods. v25514f.

IDAHO DEPOSITS!!

B. Chambers

WOULD inform the citizens of Owatonna and everybody else that he has removed his stock of Goods from Main-St. to Broadway, in his store

ONE DOOR WEST OF EUREKA HOUSE,

where he has a large and extensive assortment of

Groceries

SUCH AS

Teas,

Sugars,

Syrups,

Coffees,

Spices,

&c., &c.

ALL kinds of

Dried Fruits
and everything else calculated to suit the most delicate appetite.

He also wishes to inform the public that he has a large assortment of

BOOTS & SHOES,
of all sizes and descriptions, of the best quality.

His goods are new and fresh, bought for cash down, and will not be undersold.

Idaho Gold Dust, Greenbacks, and all kinds of

COUNTRY PRODUCE
taken in exchange.

Owatonna, April 28th 1864. v25514f.

W. L. Gaylord's Column.

NEW STORE.

W. L. Gaylord

Has recently opened a

DRY GOODS

AND

VARIETY STORE,

ON

BROADWAY, OWATONNA.

Where may be found as rich a variety of

LADIES DRESS GOODS

AND

TRIMMINGS,

SHAWLS, MANTILLAS,

&c., as can be had in

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA.

ALSO,

A LARGE STOCK

OF

Mens' and Boys'

BOOTS & SHOES,

And any quantity of

LADIES' GAITERS,

SHOES, SLIPPERS, &c., &c.

ALSO,

A SUPERIOR STOCK

OF

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

OF ALL SIZES,

AND

A GENERAL STOCK

OF

HARDWARE,

All of which we propose to sell at as low figures as can be had in the State,

Without Exception.

We shall be happy to exhibit our stock of goods to all who may favor us with a call.

PRODUCE TAKEN

AT THE

MARKET PRICE

IN

EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.

The Owatonna Plaiddealer.

HOME INTELLIGENCE.

Wanted.—A good, trustworthy boy who wants to learn the art of Printing, can do so by applying at this office immediately. More than ordinary advantages will be given.

Having just received a large and new assortment of JOB TYPE from New York, we are now prepared to execute all kinds of Handbills or Posters in the most approved style, and in a neat and tasty manner. Those wishing such work done will not be disappointed in giving us a call, as we do not intend to be excelled by any Country Office in the State.

For Sale.—A number of very desirable residence lots for sale. Enquire of J. B. Hooker.

Local.—The Editor has gone away, the "devil" is busy, and, as a natural consequence, our "local" has pretty much "played out."

Concert.—The celebrated BAKER Family will give one of their popular Concerts in this city on Friday evening of next week, the 17th inst. It is only necessary for people to know that they are to sing to insure a crowded house.

Atlantic Monthly.—This excellent magazine for February is received. It is an attractive number, and among its interesting features is the first installment of a novel by DONALD G. MITCHELL, the author of "Reveries of a Bachelor."

Musical Convention.—We would call the attention of the citizens of Steele and adjoining Counties to the advertisement in this number of a Musical Convention, to commence on Monday, the 20th inst., and close on the Wednesday evening following with a Grand Concert. Particulars next week.

Grand Festival.—The ladies of the Congregational Church will hold a Festival on Tuesday evening of next week, for the benefit of the Church. Everything possible will be done by the ladies to make the entertainment interesting. Among the most entertaining features will be the Concert of the Old Folks, which, by the way, is one of the finest. The gents and ladies dressed in costume of olden time will make the performance rich and well worth the trouble and expense of attending. Come one and all, and attend the Festival.

The Illustrated Pheonology.—A Journal for February, containing the Great Surgeons of the World—Huxley, Abernethy, Jenner, Hunter, Cooper, Mott, and Carnochan; also, W. S. Lander, Mrs. Farquhar, Mr. Clark, Mr. Kilbourne, Mr. Merrill, etc., in residence. More about Muller, Gaining Confidence, Affection, Prof. Owen on the Brain, The Human Face, Pre-existence, Religious duties of Children, How to Kill Ministers; Shooting a Gorilla, The Lost Races; with Ethnology, Pheonology, Physiology, Pseudonymy, and Psychology. \$2 a year, or 20 cts. a No. Address Messrs. FOWLER & WELLS, 359 Broadway, N. Y.

New Advertisements.

MUSICAL CONVENTION

AT OWATONNA, MINN.

A Convention of the Singers of Steele and adjoining Counties will be held at OWATONNA, commencing on MONDAY, FEB. 20th, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., and continue THREE DAYS, closing on Wednesday evening the 23rd inst., with a

GRAND CONCERT,

the whole under the direction of

Prof. W. E. HAWLEY.

Equally favorable opportunity for improvement has never been offered the Singers of this vicinity than is now in prospect.

The exercises will be interspersed with criticism on style, taste, and all matters relating to make up an effective performance; while the voice and its developments will receive special attention.

TERMS:—Tickets of Membership, \$1.00.

N. B.—None are expected to participate except those who can render original music AT SIGHT, and must be in attendance at least as early as the morning of the second day's singing.

Arrangements will be made to entertain, during the session, free of charge, all who secure tickets of Membership.

THE KEY NOTE:—Prof. Bradbury's last and best work will be furnished for the occasion free of charge.

C. C. CORNELL, E. D. ROSECRANS, J. Committee Owatonna, Minn., Feb. 9, 1884.

WILL THE Press friendly to the cause PLEASE NOTICE.

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Offers to the trade the largest and best selected stock of

GROCERIES

Ever brought to this market—bought during the late panic and will be sold at panic prices—consisting in part of

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I shall be glad to see or receive orders from my friends in the city or country. Hotel-keepers will find it to their interest, at all times, to examine my stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Country Merchants

Will find it to their interest to call and examine my stock and prices before purchasing.

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C. J. Aldrich,

Manufacturer of all kinds of

Grave Stones, Monuments, Furniture Marble, &c.

Barre, Vt., April 21st, 1884. 05-15.

Internal Revenue Notice.

SPECIAL INCOME TAX.

OFFICE COLLECTOR INTERNAL REVENUE, First Dist., Minn., Mankato, Jan. 25, 1884.

Notice is hereby given, that the lists of taxes assessed in accordance with the joint resolution of Congress, approved July 4th, 1864, imposing a special tax of five per centum upon the gains, profits or income for the year ending December 31st, 1884, has been returned to me by the Assessor of the District, and that said taxes are now due and payable, and payment thereof is hereby demanded, and that will attend either in person or by deputy, at the office of Wm. E. KNOX, the Deputy Collector for the Eighth Division of the First Collection District of the State of Minnesota, in Owatonna, in the county of Steele, from the 9th to the 15th of February, 1885. A personal notice by mailing, demanding payment within ten days from its service, will be mailed to the address of each person on the list who shall omit to pay such tax for more than ten days from said 15th day of February, for which a fee of twenty cents will be added. And all persons who shall neglect to pay the sum so demanded within the time specified in such special notice, will be liable to pay TEN PER CENTUM additional, and a fee of twenty cents for the service of the notice.

JOHN N. HALL, Collector First Dist. Minnesota.

FESTIVAL!!

THE ladies of the CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH of Owatonna, with the assistance of friends, will give an entertainment at

Morford's Hall,

Tuesday Eve., Feb. 14, '85.

The proceeds of which are to be applied to aid in the erection of a church edifice.

The programme will comprise

MUSIC, CHARADES,

(Both in Dialogue and Pantomime) and TABLEAUX.

A grand feature of the evening will be the

OLD FOLKS' CONCERT.

characters in ancient costume.

Hot Oysters, Coffee, Cake, Ice Cream, Peaches and Cream

And other refreshments will be sold at reasonable rates.

The disciples of Isaac Walton will have an opportunity to test their skill in the

"ANGLING RESERVOIR."

And Yankees to exercise their natural propensity on the

"GUESS CAKE."

Owatonna, Feb. 24, 1885. 41-2w

MORTGAGE SALE.

Whereas, Mathias Malget, his wife, of the county of Rice, and Territory (now State) of Minnesota, did on the 20th day of April A. D. 1857 execute and deliver to Shields & McCutchen (a firm composed of James Shields and Joseph McCutchen) of the same place, their deed of mortgage, whereby they granted and conveyed to said Shields & McCutchen, their heirs and assigns forever, the following tract or parcel of land, situated and being in the county of Steele and Territory (now State) of Minnesota, described as follows, to wit: The west half of the north west quarter of Section number eight, and the south west quarter of the south west quarter of Section number five and the south east quarter of the south east quarter of Section number six, all in Township number one hundred and seven north, of Range number twenty-one west, containing 160 acres, more or less, to secure to them, their heirs and assigns, the payment of the sum of four hundred dollars, due in twelve months after date, with interest at the rate of three per cent, per month from date till due, and five per cent, per month from date till paid, interest payable semi-annually, according to the conditions of said Mathias Malget's promissory note, bearing even date with said mortgage, which mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, in and for said county of Steele, on the twenty-eighth day of May A. D. 1857, at eleven o'clock A. M., in Book "A" of Mortgages, on pages 211 and 212. And whereas, said James Shields, one partner of said firm of Shields & McCutchen, did, on the twenty-sixth day of August A. D. 1859, sell and assign unto said Joseph McCutchen, the only remaining partner of said firm, all his right, title and interest, in and to said mortgage and the note thereby secured, which assignment was duly recorded in said Register's Office, on the twenty-eighth day of November A. D. 1860, at 9 o'clock A. M., in Book "C" of Mortgages, on page 277. And whereas, default has been made in the condition of said mortgage by the non-payment of said note wherein there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of seven hundred and thirty-three dollars, to wit: four hundred dollars principal and three hundred and thirty-three dollars interest thereon, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, and no part thereof having been paid: Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale in said mortgage contained, and of the Statute in such case made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed, and said mortgaged premises will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the office of the Register of Deeds, in the village of Owatonna in said county of Steele, on the seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1885, at ten o'clock A. M. of that day, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with the costs of sale, together with the sum of seventy dollars and fifty cents, being the tax on said premises for the years 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860, 1861, 1862 and 1863, and interest thereon paid by said McCutchen. Dated Faribault, February 1st, 1885. JOSEPH McCUTCHEN, Mortgagee and Assignee.

PIANOS & MELODEONS!

Harmoniums, Church and SCHOOL ORGANS!

AT MANUFACTURERS RETAIL PRICES.

A Liberal Discount to Ministers, Churches, Schools and Teachers!

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His suite of rooms is equal to any in the State, and he has every facility for doing

FIRST CLASS WORK.

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Owatonna, Nov. 17, 1884. v2n304f

FURS!! FURS!!!

Wanted, for Cash, all kinds of shipping furs, for which the highest market price will be paid, by JOHN C. FORTNER.

Wilbur, October 24, 1885. 41-4f.

FORT FISHER HAS FALLEN!

WHEAT IS DOWN!

SO IS DRY GOODS!

AND THE

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AT THE

ONE PRICE STORE

OF

J. D. BLAKE,

IN ROCHESTER,

WILL BE CONTINUED

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Great Reduction in Prices!

OUR IMMENSE STOCK OF GOODS

Must be Closed Out

A large stock of

NEW GOODS

now arriving will be included in this sale, and must be sold regardless of market values.

Bargains! Bargains!

Rich Dress Delaines, 45c per yd

Delaines in Remnants, 40c "

Rich Valencia Plaids, 40c to 50c "

All Wool Vestings, 35c "

Best Dress Prints, 35c "

Phillips Allen's Prints, 35c "

Good Dress Prints, 30c "

Fast Colors Prints, 25c "

Domestic Ginghams, 25c to 40c "

Fine Corded Jeans, 40c "

Worsted Dress Trimmings, 12 1/2c each

35c—Worsted Braids, 12 1/2c "

Best Spool Cotton (Willmantic), 10c spool

Common Pins, 20c per doz

Shetland Wool, 25c "

Zephyr Worsted, 25c "

Fine Common Cambrics, 25c per yd

Paper Cambrics, 40c "

Heavy Yard Wide Sheetings, 45c "

Fine Sheetings, 25c to 50c "

Fine Bleached Cotton, 50c "

Woolen Shirting Flannels, 50c "

All Wool Twilled, 50c to 75c "

Cotton Batting, 15c per lb

Fine Cotton Batting, 16c per lb

Ladies' Fine Cloaks, \$7.00 to \$20.00 each

Heavy Long Shawls, \$5.00 to \$8.00 "

Fine Cashmere, \$5.00 "

Good Balmoral Skirts, \$3.50 "

Hood Skirts, job lot, 50c "

Children's Knit Skating Caps, 50c "

Ladies' Fur Skating Caps, \$1.75 "

Worsted Hoods for " 75c worth \$1.25 "

All Wool Hosiery, 25c to 50c "

And all other goods marked down at

J. D. BLAKE'S, Rochester.

LADIES' RICH FUR GOODS

Marked down to close them out.

Ladies' Sets of Fur, Victorines and Cuffs, \$5.00 to \$7.00.

AT J. D. BLAKE'S,

CARPETINGS!

All Wool Super Ingrain Carpets, worth \$2.50 to \$2.75, marked down to \$2.00 and \$2.25.

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OF J. D. BLAKE.

Our Stock Must be Sold.

Heavy Kersey Overcoats, \$4.50

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Men's Woolen Vests, 1.50

Fine Clothing very cheap, 25c to 50c

Boys' and Men's Caps, only \$1.50 each

Men's Natria Fur Caps, only \$1.75

Under Shirts and Drawers, \$1.50

All Wool Fancy Cassimeres, \$1.50 to \$1.75

Kentucky Jeans, 50c per yd

MR. A. D. LEET

still resides as "Knight of the Shears" in our Custom Tailoring Department, and is prepared to give "FITS and OUTFITS" in the most approved style. Anticipating a ticket in Uncle Sam's Lottery, I have resolved to close out my large stock of goods before the 15th of February.

Avail yourselves of this opportunity to obtain genuine bargains at the

ROCHESTER ONE PRICE STORE.

Yours Truly, J. D. BLAKE.

Rochester, Minn., Dec. 8th, 1884. 33

J. J. Knapp

HAVING purchased the stock formerly owned by C. MOSES, also the

Groceries, Crockery & Glass ware,

Formerly owned by J. D. BLAKE, and removed to the same to have new store, formerly occupied by J. D. Blake as a CLOTHING ROOM, is now prepared to sell the same at the lowest cash prices.

Without Regard to Cost!

Good Sugar, 5c for \$1.00.

Good Tea, \$1.00 1/2 lb.

Dried Peaches, 25 cts. 1/2 lb.

Don't forget the place—one door south of Bank.

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\$60,000.

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FARIBAULT,

WILL CLOSE

THEIR SALES ROOMS

On Tuesday & Wednesday,

THE 24TH AND 25TH INSTS.,

for the purpose of

Marking Down

THEIR

WHOLE STOCK OF GOODS

10 to 30 per cent.

and some even

50 Per Cent.

ON

Half Price.

THE STORES WILL BE

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ON THURSDAY THE 26th INST.,

to begin the

GREAT SALE

AT THE

REDUCED PRICES!

OUR STOCK ON HAND

amounts to about

SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS,

and the

ASSORTMENT is COMPLETE!

Our Sales for the past seven months have exceeded our expectations for the whole year.

Therefore we are willing to

GIVE OUR CUSTOMERS

THE BENEFIT

of our

STOCK ON HAND

at the

REDUCED PRICES

Faribault, Jan. 12th, 1885.

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SAMUEL FRIEND,

DEALER IN

READY-MADE

CLOTHING

HATS & CAPS,

BOY'S CLOTHING,

AND

GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,

AT THE

People's Store,

Bridge St., Owatonna, Minn.

The undersigned begs leave to inform the citizens of Owatonna and vicinity that he has rented the new building on Bridge St., called the

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where he will keep constantly on hand a

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OF ALL KINDS OF

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Being connected with the large and extensive Wholesale Clothing House of

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New Musical AND Jewelry Store.

D. STEVENS

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Bonnets, Hats and Trimmings,

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THE OLD FLAG STILL WAVES

THE GOOD OLD TIME HAS COME

J. P. GURR,

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PRINTS, best quality at 25 cts.

SUMMER CLOTHING,

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Store in the West

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DRESSER BROS

On Broadway,

Is crammed with one of the largest stocks of

DRY GOODS

ever brought to this market, consisting of

CLOTHS and CLOTHING, OVERCOATS, DRESS

COATS, PANTS, TESTS, &c.

Prints of all kinds.

FACTORY CLOTH, OVERSHIRTS and DRAW

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RED and WHITE WOOLLEN and COTTON

FLANNELS,

and any quantity of

Military Goods

designed for our Regiment, either on duty or Dress

Parade, and sold cheaper than they can be stole.

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of the Latest Styles, comprising Fur Wool and Felt.

Boots & Shoes

such as Ladies Gaiters, Bunkins, Balmorals and other

varieties of Ladies shoes, coarse and fine men's

and boy's Boots & Shoes of the best quality and at

the lowest rates.

Amputation of all kinds. Tobacco of the best

quality.

All Cloths sold by us will be cut FREE OF

CHARGE. Persons will thus save one shilling

per yard, as we will sell clothes as cheap as the

cheapest and throw the cutting in.

Custom Made Clothing made at short notice. Re-

member the sign DRESSER BROTHERS and fail to

call.

Cash paid for hides and furs and all kinds of

grain received in pay for goods. v2n31lf.

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B. Chambers

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everybody else that he has moved his stock

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ONE DOOR WEST OF EUREKA HOUSE,

where he has a large and extensive assortment of

Groceries

SUCH AS

Teas,

Sugars,

Syrups,

Coffees,

Spices,

&c., &c.

All kinds of

Dried Fruits

and everything else calculated to suit the most de-

liciate appetite.

He also wishes to inform the public that he has

a large assortment of

BOOTS & SHOES,

of all sizes and descriptions, of the best quality.

His goods are new and fresh, bought for cash

down, and will not be undersold.

Idaho Gold Dust, Greenbacks, and all kinds of

country produce

taken in exchange. v2n11lf.

Owatonna, April 28th, 1864.

Meat Market,

BRIDGE STREET, OWATONNA.

The undersigned having purchased the interest of

PEPPER & SMITH,

In the old Meat Market, on Bridge Street, respect-

fully inform the inhabitants of Steele County that they

intend keeping on hand an ample supply of

Beef, Pork, Mutton, Sausages, Chickens,

Turkeys, &c., &c.

Of the best quality, and trust, by a careful atten-

tion to the wants of their customers, to merit a con-

tinuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed upon

the old firm.

N. B.—CASH paid for

TRUE POLITENESS.

BY F. L. SARMiento.

"Why, Grace Sommers, what are you

doing?" muttered Annie Sommers with

a frown, as her sister made room beside

her, for a poor and shabbily dressed wo-

man—who had that moment entered the

city passenger car in which, they were

riding.

"You are not sure but that you admit

a pickpocket along-side of you, or some

other improper character?"

"I'll take all the risk of that, dear sis-

ter," answered Grace, in a low tone, so

as not to be overheard by her poor neigh-

bor. "The only crime, I trust, in this

case, is poverty."

"I am by no means certain of that,"

grumbled Annie, still persistent.

"But here we are at Chestnut street.

Tell the conductor to stop."

As the car stopped, to allow the ladies

to get out, a gentleman who had been

seated near, arose to assist them. He

was a fine, noble-looking personage, and

as he gallantly handed them to the side-

walk, he slightly raised his hat—a politeness

duly acknowledged by the ladies.

"My!" exclaimed Miss Annie, some-

what energetically, as she smoothed down

her rumpled dress, and spread out her

collapsed crinoline. "I do hate those

city railway cars. They are the greatest

nuisances imaginable. But I do wonder

what that splendid looking gentleman

was, Grace, who assisted us to alight?

Did you ever see such magnificent whisk-

ers, and such clear, noble looking eyes?

I hope he didn't near me scolding about

that old woman, for he sat right next to

me."

"I trust, rather, that the poor old wo-

man in question did not hear you," re-

plied Grace, rebukingly, "for if she did,

she must have felt very badly."

"Felt? Better! such characters don't

have any feelings," answered Annie,

tartly. "But here comes that horrid,

stuck-up Mrs. Broadacres. Now do be

polite to her, Grace, for you know how

apt you are to forget those little social

manners, which yet help one on so won-

derfully in this world. Besides, in this

case, we must really try to please, for

Mrs. Broadacres gives the most deligh-

ful parties in town.

"My dear Mrs. Broadacres," contin-

ued Annie, as an old dowager in velvet

and furs came toddling towards them,

"how glad I am to see you. How have

you been—but there is no necessity for

asking such a question, for you are look-

ing positively charming," and after an

interchange of compliments and em-

braces, between Miss Annie and the revo-

lutionary of furs and velvet, the sisters

passed on.

As soon as they had got out of hear-

ing distance Annie Sommers turned an-

grily upon her sister, who had taken no

part in these fulsome caresses and flatter-

ing words, with—

"I declare, Grace, you are the most

provoking girl I've ever seen. Nothing

would do, a few moments ago, but you

must make room for a miserable old wo-

man to sit down beside you—and now

you allow old Mrs. Broadacres, who keeps

her own carriage and moves in the first

circles, to pass by with scarcely a civil

word window was displayed the beauti-

ful silk in question—dragging her young-

er, but more sedate sister, in with her.

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The evening of the party came, and

Rose, Mrs. Sommer's maid-servant, had

descended from the young ladies' dress-

ing-room in somewhat of a temper. She

had been called upon to assist Annie

Sommers in completing her toilet, for

Grace needed no assistance, preferring to

wait upon herself; and she was now giv-

ing her experience, in confidence to the

cook, who had stopped wiping the dishes

to listen.

"Faith, there's no getting along with

Miss Annie, at all, at all," said Rose.

"She's as snappish as an old maid; and

faith I shouldn't wonder if it's an old

maid she turn out, either. It's nothing

but here and there. 'Quick, do this'

—do that, and never a civil word out of

her. Now, there's Miss Grace, may the

Heavens preserve her! I'd go to the end

of the world for her, for she never asks

me to do anything, but she says, if you

please, Rose, just as polite as though I

was her equal.

"But there goes that bell again. What

on earth can she want now?" and Rose

darted up-stairs again, in answer to her

young mistress' summons.

Annie Sommers was arrayed in all the

glory of silks, laces, and precious stones.

She had secured the much longed-for

pink silk, sprinkled with silver through-

out, and with a half coronet of pearls

crowning her dark hair, and a necklace

of the same clasping her queenly throat,

she looked, or rather would have looked,

had she not been angry, as beautiful as a

dream. But there was a passionate flush

upon her fine features, an ugly scowl up-

on her countenance, that threw an abso-

lute deformity over what must, otherwise,

have been pronounced perfect. It was

like an

The Owatonna Plaindealer.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE COUNTY.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1884.

CITY CHARTER.

We have the pleasure of announcing to our readers this week, the intelligence that the beautiful town of Owatonna was incorporated last week by the Legislature of our State, into a city, called "The City of Owatonna," embracing three miles north and south, by three miles east and west. The south line of the School Section, being the southern limit, and the northern boundary of section 3 the northern limit, and a half section on the east and west of the other six sections. The city is divided into three wards, with two Aldermen in each ward: The First Ward embraces all the land lying south of Mill street, which runs east and west; the Second Ward comprises all the territory lying between Mill and Pearl streets, and the Third Ward all north of Pearl street. The election of the City Officers to take place about the first of April next. The Mayor and Aldermen receiving no pay for services until the city shall number 4,000 inhabitants, and the Councilmen not allowed to raise over \$1,000 in any one year, unless by a vote of the city.

The bill, as any one may see, is so well guarded that the people need have no fears of exorbitant taxes being levied on the citizens of the city, and we have no doubt but that the taxes will be less on the dollar than any town in the county, if properly managed.

Some people, we notice, object to the officers not receiving any pay for their services, and claim that no good men will accept of the office on that account. To this class we differ entirely, and for this very reason we believe that we shall have the best men in the city for our rulers, as political demagogues, and those who live by office, will not be inclined to set their wits to work, for there is no pay in it, and that is all they work for, consequently the honest and unassuming will be selected. Others there are who object because we are not large enough, and therefore it is unnecessary, and no good can grow out of it. Although with all due deference for the opinion of others, yet, we are strongly inclined to believe to the contrary. When a village arrives at about the size of ours it is highly necessary for its prosperity that it should be under the supervision of some organized body, and to have a village charter would be about the same as nothing, for there would be no pride in the people to keep up such an organization, but in a city charter we feel a certain amount of interest and self-respect, if not pride, to have such an organization to look to the interest of the town at large, and make such ordinances as in their opinion will secure the rights of its inhabitants.

We are, then, commencing on a new era in the history of our town, and it behooves every good citizen to see that such men are elected as will not prove a disgrace to our city, and, above all, select no man who is hostile to a city charter, for, should you do so, they would use the power invested in them to make the city just what they had predicted. Would it be policy, and would it not do violence to your own sense of justice, to select an enemy to the town to be its ruler? Would your interest be subserved by such a course? Would you employ a servant in your family that was your open enemy, and would, on all occasions, deride your course of conduct? Then why put in power an open enemy to the interest of your town. Can you expect more from them than from those who desire its prosperity? Reflect calmly and impassionately on the course proper to pursue, and choose from your midst honest and upright men for your city officers, and you will have the consciousness in after life that you have discharged your duty.

CITY OF ROCHESTER.

Not having visited Rochester for nearly a year until last week, we were agreeably surprised to see the improvements that had been made in so short a period. During the business hours of the day, Broadway, between College and Fourth streets, is crowded with teams and people, going in every direction, giving it the appearance of an Eastern city of from 8,000 to 10,000 inhabitants.

They have erected some beautiful brick blocks that will compare well with any of the first-class cities of the West. The citizens of Rochester have, during the last year, expended over \$100,000 for building purposes alone, besides a large amount for other improvements. Business of all kinds is prosperous and lively, causing the City Fathers to feel cheerful and happy to see such a magnificent edifice rearing on the superstructure which they had founded.

The principal mercantile houses in the city are VAN DUSEN, WRIGHT & Co. and J. D. BLANK, on the east side of Broadway, near Third street, and F. W. ANDREWS, directly across the street. These are large houses, selling goods at wholesale and retail, and are doing the principal business in the line of Dry Goods. There are two large wholesale Grocery Stores: one under the supervision of Geo. HEAD, joining VAN DUSEN, WRIGHT & Co.'s, and J. J. KNAPP's, one door south of J. D. BLANK's. These are the principal Grocery Houses in the city, and have large stocks on hand to supply smaller dealers in the country. The Congregational and Presbyterian Societies have each erected large brick churches during the last summer, and the Methodists have a foundation laid for building a similar one the coming season, and many other buildings are in contemplation of erection in different parts of the city.

Its inhabitants are enterprising, and determined not to be excelled by any city of its size in the West, and are manifesting such an indomitable perseverance as must crown their labors with success, and should they make as rapid strides in the way of improvements in the future as in the past, they will have a city in a few years that will be the pride, not only of Minnesotans, but of the country at large.

ROCHESTER INSURANCE CO.

While in Rochester last week we concluded to drop into the office of the Rochester Insurance Company, of which there has been said so much of late of a disparaging tendency, and see the man FORT, who has obtained such notoriety through the influence of the Farmer's Insurance Company, of the same place. From our acquaintance with the gentleman we were forced to believe that he was a man thoroughly educated in the business of Insurance, and desirous of establishing a Company in that city on a permanent basis, and one that would reflect honor upon its founders and the State. In all our conversation with him, it appeared to us that his greatest desire was to manage the concern in such a way that the policy-holders should never have cause to regret their connection with the institution, and with his extensive knowledge and experience in this branch of business, and his manly appearance, we are firmly of the opinion that the Company or the country have no cause to fear but that it will be conducted successfully, and on strictly honorable principles.

The business of the Company thus far has been very flattering, more so than could have been reasonably expected during so short a period.

New Advertisements.

Jacob Oppliger
WILL keep on hand and for sale at his new Meat Market, on Main street, west of the Post Office, Beef, Pork, Sausages, Dried and Pickled Beef, and everything usually kept in such a Market.
Owatonna, Feb. 16, 1884. 43v2

Dr. I. Gilechrist,
DENTIST. Respectfully announces to the people of Owatonna and neighboring towns, that he has opened an office in G. W. Chesley's Photograph Rooms, over Wadsworth's Store, where he is prepared to receive all operations in Mechanical and Operative Dentistry in a manner warranted to give satisfaction. Those having badly fitting gold or silver plates can exchange them for nicely adjusted Rubber ones on reasonable terms. 43v2

ROCHESTER WHOLESALE CRACKER MANUFACTORY!

Crackers by the Barrel or Box.

LARGE CRACKERS:
EOSTON, SODA.

ROUND CRACKERS:
BUTTER, WINE, CREAM, SUGAR.

PICNICS:
BUTTER, TEA, OYSTERS, SUGAR.

All Crackers warranted fresh, and manufactured out of the finest materials, at the

ROCHESTER BAKERY,
ON THIRD STREET.

All kinds of Crackers given in exchange for Lard and Butter.

THOMAS TAIT,
ROCHESTER, Feb. 16, 1884. 43v2

HASTINGS MARBLE WORKS.
C. J. Aldrich,

Manufacturer of all kinds of
Grave Stones, Monuments,
Furniture Marble, &c., &c.
Hastings, Minn., April 21st, 1884. 52-1v

Carpenter & Smith,
New Merchant Tailors and Dealers in Cloths, Cassimeres, and Vestings; Paribault, on Main Street opposite the National House. 52-1v

NO DRAFT IN MINNESOTA!

would be a pleasing announcement to the people; but

THE DRAFT MUST COME.

So the Next Best Thing for the People to know is, that they can find,

AT THE REGULATOR,

NO. 3.

BANK BLOCK, ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA.

A Splendid Stock of

GOOD GOODS,

to be sold at Greatly Reduced Prices. We are still selling those Heavy

YARD WIDE SHEETINGS AT 50 CENT.

BEST DELAINES AT FORTY-FIVE,

AND ALL OTHER GOODS IN PROPORTION.

We desire to say to you, Reader, that we have brought out a Large Stock of Goods TO SELL, and

WE PROPOSE TO SELL THEM!

at prices as low as the lowest. Just received, another large lot of

GENUINE MERRIMAC PRINTS.

Economy is Wealth!

BUY THE BEST GOODS TO BE HAD, EVERY TIME!

When you visit Rochester, please give us a call. Goods are high, to say the least, and it behooves you to look around and see where you can do the best,

DON'T FORGET THE PLACE:

No. 3, No. 3, No. 3,

Bank Block, Rochester Minn.

Thankful for patronage, we are truly yours,

VAN DUSEN, WRIGHT & Co.

MUSICAL CONVENTION

AT
OWATONNA, MINN.

A Convention of the Singers of Steele and adjoining Counties will be held at OWATONNA, commencing on MONDAY, FEB. 20th, 1884, at 10 o'clock A. M., and continue THREE DAYS, closing on Wednesday evening the 23rd inst. with a

GRAND CONCERT,
the whole under the direction of

Prof. W. E. HAWLEY.

No equally favorable opportunity for improvement has ever been offered the Singers of this vicinity than is now in prospect. The exercises will be interspersed with criticism on style, taste, and all matters that go to make up an effective performance; while the voice and the development will receive special attention.

TERMS:—Tickets of Membership, \$1.00. N. B.—None are expected to participate except those who can read ordinary music at sight, and are in attendance at least as early as the morning of the second day's singing.

Arrangements will be made to entertain, during the session, free of charge, all who secure tickets of Membership.

"Tax Key Note," Prof. Hawley's last and best work will be furnished for the occasion free of charge.

C. C. CORNELL, E. D. ROSEKRAUS, Committee

Owatonna, Minn., Feb. 9, 1884. 43v2
Will the Press friendly to the cause PLEASE NOTICE.

Internal Revenue Notice.
SPECIAL INCOME TAX.

OFFICE COLLECTOR INTERNAL REVENUE, 1 FIRST DIST. MINN., MAINTON, Jan. 25, 1884. Notice is hereby given, that the lists of taxes assessed in accordance with the joint resolution of Congress, approved July 4th, 1864, imposing a special tax on five per centum upon the gains, profits or income for the year ending December 31st, 1884, has been returned to me by the Assessor of the District, and that said taxes are now due and payable, and payment thereof is hereby demanded; and that I will attend either in person or by deputy, at the office of Wm. R. KINYON, the Deputy Collector for the Eighth Division of the First Collection District of the State of Minnesota, in Owatonna, on the 15th of February, 1884. A personal notice by mailing, accompanied by payment within ten days from its service, will be mailed to the address of each person on the list who shall send to my such tax for more than ten days from said 15th day of February, for a fee of twenty cents will be added. And all persons who shall neglect to pay the sum so demanded within the time specified in such special notice, will be liable to pay TEN PER CENTUM additional, and a fee of twenty cents for the service of the notice.

JOHN N. HALL, Collector First Dist. Minnesota.

DR. A. WELCH,
DENTIST.

CORNER ROOM, OVER THE ROCHESTER BANK.

Rochester Minnesota.

We shall take pleasure in careful examinations of the teeth, and giving a CHART, showing the condition of the mouth, and cost of work to be done, free of charge to all.

We respectfully claim to EXCEL in

Rubber Plate Work.
One dollar a day allowed for board to those from a distance, while having work done. 53

FURS! FURS! FURS!
Wanted, for Cash, all kinds of shipping furs, for which the highest market price will be paid, by JOHN C. FURTER, William, October 6th, 1883. 54-1v

GEORGE HEAD, Wholesale and Retail

GROCER,

Bank Block, Broadway, Rochester, Minn.,

Offers to the trade the largest and best selected stock of

GROCERIES

Ever brought to this market—bought during the late panic and will be sold at panic prices—consisting in part of

SUGARS, COFFEES, TEAS, TORRIFICOS, FISH, DRIED FRUITS, GREEN FRUITS, PURE LARD, All kinds of Butters,	SYRUPS, MOLASSES, WOODEN WARE, WILLOW WARE, CANDLES, CANNIES, KEROSENE OIL, DRIED HERRING, SALT, &c., &c.,
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I shall be glad to see or receive orders from my friends in the city or country. Hotel-keepers will find it to their interest, at all times, to examine my stock and prices before purchasing elsewhere.

Country Merchants
Will find it to their interest to call and examine my stock and prices before purchasing.

CASH PAID FOR BUTTER & EGGS.

Rochester, Oct. 20th, 1884. GEORGE HEAD, v2n261v

HARK

Did You Hear that Noise?

The New and Ready Pay Store of

DRESSER BROS
On Broadway,

Is crammed with one of the largest stocks of

DRY GOODS

ever brought to this market, consisting of CLOTHS and CLOTHING, OVERCOATS, DRESS COATS, JANTS, VESTS, &c.

Prints of all kinds.

FACTORY CLOTH, OVERSHIRTS and DRAW-ERS, BUCK SKIN GLOVES and MITTENS, RED and WHITE WOOLEN & COTTON FLANNELS,

and any quantity of

Military Goods

designed for our Regiment, either on duty or Dress Parade, and sold cheaper than they can be sold.

Hats & Caps

of the Latest Styles, comprising Fur Hats and Felt.

Boots & Shoes

such as Ladies Gaiters, Buskins, Balmorals and other varieties of Ladies shoes, course and fine men's and boy's Boots & Shoes of the best quality and at the lowest rates.

Amputation of all kinds. Tobacco of the best quality.

All Goods sold by us will be cut FREE OF CHARGE. Persons will thus save one shilling per yard, as we will sell cloths as cheap as the cheapest and throw the cutting in.

Custom Made Clothing made at short notice. Re-quest the sign DRESSER BROTHERS and fail no to call.

Cash paid for hides and furs and all kinds of grain received in pay for goods. v2n261v

IDAHO DEPOSITS!!

B. Chambers

WOULD inform the citizens of Owatonna and everybody else that he has removed his stock of Goods from Main-St. to Broadway, in his store

ONE DOOR WEST OF EUREKA HOUSE,

where he has a large and extensive assortment of

Groceries

SUCH AS

Teas,

Sugars,

Syrups,

Coffees,

Spices,

&c., &c.

All kinds of

Dried Fruits

and everything else calculated to suit the most delicate appetite.

He also wishes to inform the public that he has a large assortment of

BOOTS & SHOES,

of all sizes and descriptions, of the best quality.

His goods are new and fresh, bought for cash down, and will not be undersold.

Idaho Gold Dust, Greenbacks, and all kinds of

COUNTRY PRODUCE

taken in exchange.

Owatonna, April 28th, 1884. v2n261v

NEW MILLINERY STORE.

MRS. M. J. MYRICK would inform the public that she has opened a

Millinery Store

on Main Street, Owatonna, where will be kept on hand a large assortment of ladies'

Bonnets, Hats and Trimmings,

of the latest styles. Ladies desiring

RICH & ELEGANT BONNETS,

at lower figures than can be bought in Milwaukee or Chicago, can procure them at my store and trim-

med to their own liking. Everything in the way of

HEAD-DRESSES,

either Plain or Ornamental, and all sizes and qual-

ities of RIBBONS, for trimmings, will be sold as

cheap as can be had in any market.

My stock is new and of the very latest styles, and

purchased at the lowest cash prices.

Owatonna, Nov. 10th, 1884. v2n261v

W. L. Gaylord's Column.

NEW STORE.

W. L. Gaylord

Has recently opened a

DRY GOODS

AND

VARIETY STORE.

ON

BROADWAY, OWATONNA,

Where may be found as rich a variety of

LADIES DRESS GOODS

AND

TRIMMINGS,

SHAWLS, MANTILLAS,

&c., as can be had in

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA.

ALSO,

A LARGE STOCK

OF

Mens' and Boys'

BOOTS & SHOES,

And any quantity of

LADIES' GAITERS,

SHOES, SLIPPERS, &c., &c.

ALSO,

A SUPERIOR STOCK

OF

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

OF ALL SIZES,

AND

A GENERAL STOCK

OF

HARDWARE,

All of which we propose to sell at as low figures as can be had in the State.

Without Exception.

We shall be happy to exhibit our stock of goods to all who may favor us with a call.

PRODUCE TAKEN

AT THE

MARKET PRICE

IN

EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.

Owatonna, Jan. 16, 1885. v2n261v

The Owatonna Plaindealer.

HOME INTELLIGENCE.

Wanted.—A good, trustworthy boy who wants to learn the art of printing, can do so by applying at this office immediately. More than ordinary advantages will be given.

Having just received a large and new assortment of JOB TYPE from New York, we are now prepared to execute all kinds of Handbills or Posters in the most approved style, and in a neat and tasty manner. Those wishing such work done will not be disappointed in giving us a call, as we do not intend to be excelled by any Country Office in the State.

For Sale.—A number of very desirable residence lots for sale. Enquire of J. B. HOOKER.

We received a communication for publication this week, but were unable to do so, in consequence of not knowing its real author.

A memorial has passed our State Legislature for additional mail service from Owatonna via St. Peter to New Ulm.

Concert.—Remember the BAKER Concert this week, on Friday evening, at Morford's Hall. They are one of the best traveling troupes of singers in the country, and always give satisfaction.

PETERSON'S Magazine for March has arrived, and contains, as usual, a variety of excellent reading, and a choice selection of fashion engravings. It is a magazine that is well worth its cost.

The Harmonicon Vocalists sang in Morford's Hall last Monday evening. Owing to so many things transpiring this week the Hall was not crowded, but those present were well entertained, and found much cause for merriment.

NOTICE.—There will be a Donation visit at Morford's Hall, on Thursday evening, March 24, for the benefit of Rev. J. K. BLAKE. All are cordially invited to attend. A Committee will be in attendance at the door to receive contributions.

CHANGE.—Our readers will notice the alteration in J. D. BLAKE'S advertisement in this issue. He is knocking down the price of goods still lower, and is bound to sell at some rate, even should he sell at a loss, which he is now doing in many respects.

Snow.—It began to snow Tuesday evening and continued all Wednesday night, falling to the depth of about eight inches, which makes the best of sleighing. It was very acceptable, as the roads had been slippery for some time, making very bad traveling.

WOOD.—It is now good sleighing and the best time for subscribers in being as well that they will have this winter. What do you say, will you bring it now? If we take any on subscription we want it before spring, or we shall not want it at all, as we shall buy of others what we need for the year.

DENTIST.—We solicit attention to the card of Dr. I. GILBERT, Dentist. This is what our town has needed for years past, and from the Doctor's recommendations we should consider him a first-class operator. In order to secure such a man in our midst it is important that all who have any business in that line should give him their support and influence.

Our readers will notice in this issue the new advertisement of VAS DESUX, Wagon & Co's, of Rochester. They may be found in the new Bank Block on Broadway, one door north of Third Street. They are selling large quantities of goods, both at wholesale and retail, and at astonishingly low prices. They are honorable and high-minded men, and if you trade with them once you will be sure to go again. Remember the "Regulator," No. 3, Bank Block.

BAKERY.—The new advertisement of the Rochester Bakery will be found in this number. Mr. T. J. PROPRIETOR, is one of the best bakers in the country, and is now about nearly fifty years of age, and in full vigor. It will be interesting to every reader of the Plaindealer, as we may be seen by referring to his advertisement, and by changing them for and better at the different stores in the country. Any firm buying of him will find them better than can be had in the State.

DONATION.—Mr. GURR, of Rice Lake, will please accept our thanks for a very rich box of goods from the donation of Rev. Mr. FURMAN last week. The large hall over Mr. GURR'S store was densely crowded, and a sumptuous supper was provided by the ladies for all. They had a joyous time, and everything went off to the satisfaction of all. A more liberal class of people seldom found than these at and about the Lake. The receipts of the evening was some over \$120, mostly in cash.

EXCESS.—Below will be found the excess of years in each town in the county, one-third of which will be credited on the present call, and the balance on subsequent calls. To find the quota of any town, divide the number of enrolled men by three, and the excess by the same number, then subtract the two quotients, and the remainder will be the number of men required to be raised on the present call:

Aurora,	2	Morden,	10
Clinton Falls,	3	Merton,	13
Dorfield,	5	Owatonna,	64
Lemond,	15	Somers,	2
Melford,	55		

J. W. DRESSER has made another big strike. Last Monday he sold the store that he now occupies, on Broadway, to a Grocerman from the East for \$2200, cash down, and gives possession on the first day of April next. On the following day he bought of Mr. ARBUTT all the lots on Broadway, west of the PLAINDEALER'S Office to Cedar Street, and also the lot east of J. A. ARMSTRONG'S Store, for \$1800, which, all will admit, was a grand thing, and gives him control of all the lots, but one, fronting the Public Square on the north. Mr. W. F. DRESSER has united with him, and they have engaged to build a Brick Block, fronting the Public Square, on the east corner of Cedar Street, 14x30, three stories high, and another on the south side of Broadway and west of the Square. When we consider that two such men as PETER and DRESSER have become so heavily interested on Broadway, decides conclusively that Broadway will be the main business street of the city, and they have decided that a bridge across the river at the foot of Broadway shall be built the present season. If they decide thus it will be done.

In consequence of J. W. DRESSER giving possession of his store by April first, and intends leaving Minn.

for St. Louis about that time on important business, to be absent for some weeks, he has decided to sell out his entire stock of goods before leaving, regardless of cost, and if he cannot get within 25 per cent. of cost, he will sell for less, as he is determined to sell at all hazards, and realize what money he can for them. Now is the time for our citizens to lay in their spring stock, as he has many fine goods.

FESTIVAL.—The ladies Congregational Festival last Tuesday evening, at Morford's Hall, was a splendid affair, and decidedly the richest thing of the season in the way of entertainment. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the fair sex for the taste displayed in the arrangement throughout the whole affair during the entire evening, and particularly the antique style of their wardrobes. The refreshments after the Tableau, Chorus and Old Folk's Concert, was all that could be desired. And to the satisfaction of all present. The Hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, but not a thing occurred to mar the happiness of any, and the social and friendly greetings of the evening will, without doubt, far in the future, cause many pleasurable emotions of thought. After paying all the expenses, the net proceeds amounted to \$200. The Rev. Mr. TAPPAN and others presented to the ladies 50 dollars as a token of their approbation to the cause in which they were engaged.

Married.
At Owatonna, on the 12th inst., by Rev. H. CHARLES, Mr. Geo. W. ARBUTT, of Mandanville, to Miss Helen BROWN, of Aurora Centre.

New Musical AND Jewelry Store.

D. STEVENS

Would announce to the people of Steele County that he keeps a large quantity of

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Constantly on hand, of the best qualities, comprising Prince & Co. Melodeons, of Buffalo, N. Y., O. F. Wilder's Melodeons, St. Paul, &c., &c.

Agent for the

EMPIRE SEWING MACHINE.

Also, Wholesale and Retail dealer in

WATCHES & JEWELRY

WATCHES REPAIRED ON SHORTEST NOTICE AND WARRANTED IN ALL CASES.

Main Street, opposite the National Hotel.

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intend keeping on hand an ample supply of

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tion to the wants of their customers, to merit a con-

tinuance of the patronage heretofore bestowed upon

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NO SECT IN HEAVEN.

FROM AN ENGLISH POEM.

Talking of sects till late one eve,

Of the various doctrines the saints believe.

That night I stood in a troubled dream,

By the side of the darkly flowing stream.

And a "Churchman" down to the river came:

When I heard a strange voice call his name,

"Good father, stop; when you cross this tide,

You must leave your robes on the other side."

But the aged father did not mind,

And his long gown floated out behind,

As down to the stream his way he took,

His pale hands clasped a gilt-edged book.

"I'm bound for heaven, and when I'm there,

I shall want my book of Common Prayer;

And though I put on a stony crown,

I should feel quite lost without my gown."

Then he fixed his eyes on the shining track,

But his gown was heavy, and held him back,

And the poor old father tried in vain

A single step in the flood to gain.

I saw him again on the other side,

But his silk gown floated on the tide;

And no one asked at that blissful spot,

Whether he belonged to "the Church" or not.

Then down to the river a Quaker strayed,

His dress of a sober hue was made;

"My coat and hat must be all of gray,

I cannot go any other way."

Then he buttoned his coat straight up to his chin,

And staidly, solemnly, waded in;

And his broad-brimmed hat he pulled down tight

Over his forehead, so cold and white.

But a strong wind carried away his hat;

A moment he silently sighed and sat,

And then, as he gazed on the farther shore,

The coat slipped off and was seen no more.

Next came Dr. Watts with a bundle of psalms,

Tied loosely up in his aged arms,

And hymns as many, a very wise thing,

That the people in heaven, "all round" might sing.

But I thought that he heaved an anxious sigh,

As he saw that the river ran broad and high,

And looked rather surprised, as, one by one,

The psalms and hymns in the wave went down.

And after him, with his MSS.,

Came Wesley, the pattern of goodness,

But he cried, "Dear me, what shall I do?"

The water has soaked them thro' and thro'."

And there on the river, far and wide,

Away they went down the swollen tide;

And the saintest scholar, passed through alone,

Without his manuscripts, up to the throne.

Then gravely walking, two saints by name,

Down to the stream together came;

But as they stopped at the river's brink,

I saw one saint from the other shrink.

"Sprinkled or plunged, may I ask you friend,

How you attained to life's great end?"

"Thus, with a few drops on my brow,"

"But I have been dipped, as you'll see now,

And I really think it will hardly do,

As I'm 'volved communion," to cross over with you;

You're bound, I know, to the realm of bliss,

But you must get that way, and I'll go this."

Then straightway, plunging with all his might,

Away to the left—his friend at the right

Apart they went from this world of sin,

But at last together they entered in.

And now, when the river was rolling on,

A Presbyterian church went down.

Of women there seemed an innumerable throng,

But the men I could count as they passed along.

And everering the road they could never agree,

The old or the new way, which it could be,

Nor ever a moment paused to think

That both would lead to the river's brink.

And a sound of murmuring loud and loud,

Came ever up from the moving crowd,

"You're in the old way, and I'm in the new,

That is the false, and this is the true,"

Or, "I'm in the old way, and you're in the new,

That is the false, and this is the true."

But the brethren only seemed to speak,

Moment the sisters walked, and meek,

And if ever one of them chanced to say

What troubles she met on the way,

How she longed to pass to the other side,

Nor feared to cross over the swelling tide,

A voice arose from the brethren then:

"Let no one speak But the 'holy men'!"

For have ye not heard the words of Paul,

"Oh, let the women keep silence all?"

I watched them long in my curious dream,

Till they stood by the borders of the stream,

Then, just as I thought, the two ways met,

But all the brethren were talking yet,

And would talk on, till the heaving tide

Carried them over, side by side;

Side by side, for the way was one,

The tollsome journey of life was done,

And all who in Christ the Savior died,

Came out alike on the other side.

No forms, or creases, or books had they,

No gowns of silk, or suits of gray,

The Owatonna Plaindealer.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE COUNTY.
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1866.

DEMOCRACY VS. FREEDOM.

To prove to the satisfaction of any discerning and candid mind, that for the last quarter of a century the Democratic party have sustained and upheld the system of American slavery, we need but refer to their legislative enactments, whenever the power of the government has been invested in their hands. In the election of JAMES K. POLK in 1844, they went into the heated contest with the Lono Star inscribed upon their banners to signify that they were in favor of an unconditional annexation of Texas to the Union that more slave territory might be added thereto, and another slave State be represented in Congress, thereby increasing their power over the Free States. Before the expiration of Polk's administration, Texas was annexed and a war with Mexico the natural result. At the close of the war they entered into a treaty with Mexico, and agreed to pay over twenty million of dollars for all the territory lying west of Texas, to the Pacific Ocean, including California, New Mexico, &c., designing it for more slave territory, and when California knocked at the door of Congress for admission as a free State, who was it that voted to reject her? Every Democrat in both Houses of Congress, at that time, voted against her admission as a free State, and it was only received in 1850 as such, on the condition that in the bill of admittance Congress should couple it with the Fugitive Slave Bill, and assume the State debt of Texas, amounting to over ten millions of dollars. This was called the Omnibus Bill, and was the only thing that would pacify the Democratic party at that time.

The Democratic party had, for twenty years, the majority in the Supreme Court of the United States, and in all their decisions and rulings were in favor of slavery, as in the Dred Scott decision, &c. They seemed willing to sacrifice every principle, but the principle of perpetuating human bondage, to keep in power, as may be readily seen by their action in their National Convention at Cincinnati, in 1856, when they nominated JAMES B. CASS for President, who had always been an old Federal from his youth, and had never been in sympathy with that party in only one particular, which was American slavery, and that was his ruling principle, and for that reason he was nominated and supported throughout the nation by the Democratic party, and elected.

As soon as he assumed the office of President, his first object was to recommend the purchase, from Spain, the Island of Cuba in order to extend the area of slave territory and proposed that the government should place thirty million dollars in his hands for negotiation, and which was only prevented by the influence of Republicans in Congress. Throughout the whole of his administration, every honest and intelligent man will admit, that his sole object was to subvert the interest of the slave power, even at the risk of averting the Union.

Now, at this late day, when slavery is in its death struggle, the Democratic party has the impudence to come forward and tell us that they are not in favor of slavery! Why? Not because they do not love it, but because they are unable to uphold it longer, and are fearful of sinking with it. But can we believe their assertions? Do we not know from actual experience that they are covered with purifying sores, and are hypocrites of the blackest dye? Look at their conduct within the past two weeks, and then say, if you can have confidence in their assertions. When Congress had passed the Constitutional Amendment, to prohibit forever the institution of Slavery from the Union, it was sent to all the States to be ratified, before it could be ingrafted into the Constitution and become a part thereof. In the fifteen States that have already concurred in the amendment, where was the Democratic party found when the vote was taken? In every instance it was strictly a party vote, the Democrats en masse voting against it, and in the pusillanimous State of Delaware, where Democracy reigned supreme, they refused to ratify the amendment. Yet the Democrats of the land have the impudence to tell us that they are not in favor of slavery. Oh, shame on such false-heartedness and hypocrisy. Is it possible that any high-minded man can be influenced to co-operate with such a party, and for the accomplishment of so base a purpose as the perpetuity of human bondage? Full well we know that finally is the common lot of man, but we doubt not that when man stoops to become identified with any party to overthrow the liberties of any class of persons, and de-

thrones their intellectual being, has descended to the lowest depths to which human nature is liable to fall, and the soul becomes glutinous over its own damnable peridy.

For the Owatonna Plaindealer.

"WOLF! WOLF!"—J. J. GRIDLEY.

Reader, have you a rifle? If you have not, get one. Load heavily, prime carefully, that there be no "flash in the pan." Call the dogs—blow the horn—join the hunt for "O, the wolf is nigh!" and a most dreadful "wolf" he is, too! He deals in "deception and falsehood;" he "travels" from place to place, "deceiving the people;" he "manifests a determination to cause all the trouble possible;"—Moreover, he is a "renegade Methodist!" "Wolf! Aye, there's the rub!" that's the "herd and front of his offending." And 'tis for the flock in this sheep raising community, he is an uncommonly intelligent "wolf," for he is "represented as possessing more than average talent, is well educated, and is decidedly taking in his manners." That is, reader, he is only a vicious "wolf," his "manner" is to "take" the poor, defenceless sheep wherever he can find him, and make mutton of him. And further, it might have been said, that he is an old and experienced "wolf," and hence all the more dangerous, having reached the ripe age of fifty years. So look out for him! We to the sheep interest of Minnesota, unless this fell monster, with his prospective progeny, be speedily extinguished from the land! And what is anomalous in the wolf tribe, and a fact that should arrest the attention of Barnum, the great Showman, is that "Medford wolf" has a "clean face"—a species peculiar, we judge, to this particular locality.

The low, nameless squib, published in the Owatonna Gazette of the 16th inst., is, in itself, totally unworthy of notice; but as it records certain late church action in the writer's case, ostensibly based on the grave charge of "deception and falsehood," and as the squib under review has doubtless received the sanction of christian men, who are ashamed or afraid to append their names to a slander so vulgar and contemptible, the reader will please pardon this stricture upon it. Certain matters astonishingly low for christian men, are for the present suppressed.

In February, thirty-four years ago, I joined the M. E. Church, and continued thereto till Aug. '62. For more than twenty-five years I was a traveling preacher in said church, and, despite my many short comings, no formal charge of unchristian or immoral conduct has ever been preferred against me. As to flying rumor, or groundless slander, where is the man with a backbone who is not more or less liable thereto? Letters lately sought for against me contain nothing against my christian character, as my opponents themselves admit. At the time above named, for reasons which then seemed to me adequate, I withdrew from the M. E. Church, "without charge or censure," as my papers show. Hence I am no "renegade." A few months later, without any change of doctrine or mode of preaching required, I was received, by a unanimous vote, into the Jackson Congregational Association, of Michigan. Since the fall of 1862 I have preached as a Congregational Minister, in regular standing. True, I have never been an "installed pastor," but the same may be said of more than nine-tenths of all the Congregationalists of the West. There are not a half dozen such Cong. pastors in this whole State. But do they therefore "deceive the people?" By no means. Mr. Anonymous should study church polity a little more before he writes again.

Last September I left my family in Michigan, and reached Medford in October. I had been invited to this State by Rev. R. Hall, our State Agent, also to Medford by our worthy Judge of Probate. I came to test a Minnesota winter, before deciding whether to make this State my future family home. The Medford people received me very kindly, and the Trustees of the Congregational Church soon contracted with me to supply their pulpit for six months. I showed them the following recommendation letter, bearing date July 25, 1864:

"I hereby certify that the bearer, Rev. J. J. Gridley, is an acceptable and worthy member of the Jackson Association, in good standing, and as such is cordially commended to the confidence and fellowship of any of our christian or ministerial brethren with whom he may become acquainted."

JOHN PATRICK, Scribe of Ass'n.

Matters moved pleasantly for some three months, and I was as contented as a man could well expect to be, far from home and friends, and surrounded with total strangers. But a petty private affair of my own, which nobody else had any business, involving a difference of less than sixty cents, and which I promptly, fully, and fairly settled according to agreement, and which myself and the other party mutually agreed to "drop and say no more about"—this little thing was made the pretext, but many think not the actual reason, of a very strange and unjust opposition to me. And yet, none accused me of any intentional wrong, that accusation came later—to carry a point as many believe—and this, too, without the slightest foundation in fact. This was in the midst of a precious and promising revival, when a half dozen persons had already risen for prayers, and several had expressed hope in God's mercy. Had certain persons possessed more of a revival spirit, no trouble would have arisen, and far greater good would have been accomplished. The Lord knows that I did all that seemed to be my duty, and even more, to prevent an open

rupture. I was deeply anxious for the best good of the church, and God was signally blessing my labors. But all in vain. A few "busy bodies" did their best to create prejudice against me, and I, who, till now, had been so generally acceptable, suddenly became odious to many of the good people of Medford. By a most exaggerated and totally untrue report of my little business affair, and just industriously circulated, a storm was raised against me, and now, forsooth, I must flee before it! But what minister is safe on such a principle? I had better work to do than to follow my defamers from house to house, and from state to state, rebutting their low slander. They had it all their own way.

The reader will please mark it, the constitution of the church, as one of the trustees informed me, requires that the hiring and dismissing of ministers be determined by the church alone. But in direct opposition to this, a large and promiscuous meeting was called at the church, on the evening of January 30th, to determine whether or not I should continue to fill the pulpit. Great pains were taken to secure the attendance of young and old who would vote against me. Rev. R. Hall had been sent for by my opposers to come and help straighten an "unworthy minister." On the morning of the day of said meeting, Mr. H. who had now been three days in town learning both sides, assured me that he had learned nothing to "shake his confidence in my christian integrity," and that he was prepared to espouse my cause in the meeting, and to say to the friends that "they would do me injustice if they did not vote to continue me in the pulpit." And with this, agreed one of the trustees, who called on me with Mr. H. Feeling my cause to be safe in such hands, and having an appointment that night at Clinton Falls, I did not attend the meeting. Many in that meeting considered it, in every respect, highly dishonorable to the church and to the christian name. New complaints were brought against me, and the Lord knows they were just as false as they were new. But the point must be carried! Had I been present, some things said would have been unkind, and other things would have been at once shown to be utterly false. As it was, there was a small majority against me, reckoning young boys and girls, who were allowed to vote with the rest! A strange way to shut a minister out of his pulpit! Strange church polity, that! The next night, at a full meeting in Clinton Falls, our members, supporters and regular hearers, unanimously voted that I continue my labors with them to the end of my term, very kindly promising their sympathy and support, and I have since confined my labors to them and to another point, just as Mr. H. and I talked of, before the public meeting, in such emergency. True, I have been advised to leave the field altogether, for fear my stay would "alienate" Clinton from Medford! Just as if my retirement could possibly diminish the alienation already existing! The people feel that my leaving would, if anything, increase the alienation. I shall try to do good and not evil. It doesn't seem very consistent for men who have made so much ado about a few paltry cents, of my private business, to be so eager to break, without good reason, an unconditional contract with me, and drive me off, in the midst of winter, without my just and lawful pay, which is my needy family's only support. I have commenced no "legal proceedings," and hope to have no occasion to do so. But when men, professing Godliness, ignore the gospel and take the position of *shameless*, then as sharpers they must be treated, or justice is defeated!

What has been the ground-*work* of all this procedure? I know not, but myself and others have our thoughts. The leading man of the church, just before the storm burst upon me, put to me this searching question:—"Mr. G., was you ever a Methodist? was you ever over a Methodist church?" True Methodism is nothing to be ashamed of. Narrow and groundless prejudice, among religious sects, against each other, is anything but honorable or christian. The Lord save us!

J. J. GRIDLEY.

Clinton Falls, Feb. 22, 1865.

LATEST NEWS.

New York, Feb. 21.—The steamship Fulton from Port Royal, 17, and Charleston, 18th, arrived this morning.

Charleston was evacuated by the enemy on the night of the 17th, leaving the several fortifications uninjured, besides 200 guns, which they spiked.

The evacuation was first discovered at Fort Moultrie in the morning at 10 o'clock. Part of the troops stationed at James Island crossed over in boats and took possession of the city without opposition.

The upper part of the city is on fire. Previous to the enemy evacuating, they fired the upper part of the city, by which 6,000 bales of cotton were burned, and it is supposed that before the fire can be subdued, two-thirds of the city will be destroyed.

A fearful explosion occurred in the Wilmington depot—cause unknown—by which several hundred citizens lost their lives.

The building was used for commissary purposes and situated in the upper part of the city. Admiral Dahlgren was the first to run up to the city, where he arrived about two o'clock. Gen. Gilmore followed soon after and had an interview with Gen. Schemmelfanning, he being the first general officer in the city, and for the present is in command. The remains of two iron-clads were found, which

the enemy had destroyed by blowing them up previous to the evacuation. The blockade runner Cyrena, just arrived from Nassau, fell into our hands, and two others were expected to run in on the night of the 18th. The first flag over Sumter was raised by Capt. Henry M. Bragg, A. D. C. on Gen. Gilmore's staff. The houses in the lower part of the city were completely riddled by our shot and shell. The wealthy part of the population have deserted the city, and now all that remain are the poorer classes who are suffering from want of food. A movement had been made by the force under Gen. Hatch, which resulted in the capture of six pieces of artillery.

The Herald's correspondence says that the exchange of prisoners under the new arrangements perfected between General Grant and Commissioner Ould is progressing rapidly, and three steamers are now busily employed in conveying released Union prisoners to Annapolis, Maryland, and conveying return loads of rebels. Our men, both in words and appearance, adds mountains of evidence to confirm all that has previously been told of the barbarity and rapacity practiced by the rebels on their unfortunate captives. Under an agreement lately entered into, all Union prisoners now held in the trans-Mississippi Department are to be exchanged. The Tribune says that a letter received from our prisoners at Salisbury, says the deaths continue in the same alarming proportion as before, and among them are a number of civilian prisoners, both Northern and Southern.

New York Dec. 2. Vosburg's wire factory, six other large buildings and four tenement houses on 7 Avenue, between 25th and 35th streets, were burned this morning. A large number of families are rendered homeless. The loss by the fire is \$100,000. Mostly insured.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. The President has approved the bill for mail steamship service between San Francisco and ports in the Chinese Empire, touching at Honolulu, and at ports in Japan, by means of a monthly line of first class American sea-going steamships, making twelve round trips annually. The Postmaster General is authorized to contract with the lowest responsible bidder for a term of not more than 10 years. No bid amounting to more than half a million dollars a year is to be considered.

St. Louis, Feb. 13. The State Convention to-day unanimously passed a resolution indorsing the action of the President in the late peace conference, and pledging the loyal people of Missouri to sustain the Government to the last extremity in prosecuting the war until peace shall be established or conquered on the basis contained in the President's note to Secretary Seward.

New York, Feb. 21. The Herald's correspondent says a detachment of Sheridan's cavalry, consisting of about 125 men, went up the Valley of the Shenandoah, the other day on a scouting expedition, and while on their return fell into an ambush prepared by Mosby's men. A desperate fight ensued but the guerrillas were so numerous and so strongly posted that our cavalry were roughly handled, and only made good their retreat after losing a number of killed and wounded, and sixty taken prisoners. Captain Cullinger of General Torbett's staff was captured.

New York, Feb. 21. The Herald's Washington special says there are again strong indications that Gen. Lee is preparing to vacate Richmond and fall back on Lynchburg for a final stand. Advances received in Washington state positively that nearly all the valuable machinery and medical stores have already removed from the rebel capital and it is anticipated that its abandonment will occur within 10 or 15 days.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21. This morning Gen. Schemmelfanning landed his forces and occupied the city and defenses. The formidable earthworks on James Island are found abandoned and the guns spiked. At ten o'clock this morning a detachment was sent to take possession of Ft. Sumter and raise the flag which Gen. Anderson hauled down nearly four years ago. At three o'clock the flag was raised amidst deafening cheers.

As fast as forces could be thrown into the city they were set to work to put out the fire, where, up to the time of leaving, was raging fiercely in different parts of the city. Old men, women and children rushing frantically to and fro in agonized despair at the loss of their friends. It is impossible to estimate the amount of cotton destroyed by the rebels. Several thousand bales were collected in different parts of the city, and set on fire almost simultaneously with the principal depots.

The upper part of Charleston is almost entirely consumed. It was the opinion of Gen. Gilmore's staff that, in all probability, two-thirds of the city would be destroyed before the fire could be extinguished, with the imperfect means of subduing it at hand.

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Owatonna, May 12th, 1864.

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Having just received a large and new assortment of JOB TYPE from New York, we are now prepared to execute all kinds of Handbills or Posters in the most approved style, and in a neat and tasty manner. Those wishing such work done will not be disappointed in giving us a call, as we do not intend to be excelled by any Country Office in the State.

For Sale.—A number of very desirable residence lots for sale. Enquire of J. R. HOOKER.

For Sale.—Owing to unavoidable circumstances we were detained in our issue this week until Friday.

Something New.—A Masquerade Ball is to come off in this city, at Morford's Hall, on the 10th of March next. We understand that some sixty masks and habiliments are being prepared for the occasion. Full Programme next week.

Notice.—There will be a Donation visit at Morford's Hall, on Thursday evening, March 2d, for the benefit of Rev. J. K. BLAKE. All are cordially invited to attend. A Committee will be in attendance at the door to receive contributions.

Godby, for March, is a perfect gem, containing many beautiful engravings and fashion plates for the Spring fashions, for ladies and children. No lady should be without it, as it is always an agreeable companion, and one of the best of substitutes for one.

Notice!—All books belonging to the Owatonna Library Association must be returned by SATURDAY, FEB. 25th, 1885, as the Book Committee wishes to investigate the Library before the close of this term.

Closing Out.—J. W. DRESSER has been selling off goods for the last week with a vengeance. Everybody goes there and comes away loaded. He is selling off many of his goods at less than half cost, which is making quite a stir in the city and its environs. He is bound to sell out, and if he keeps on as he has done, in ten days his stock will be entirely depleted.

Non est.—The sleighing that was so beautiful last week, slid out of town last Tuesday and Wednesday, and the last we heard of it was in an ice-berg in the Mississippi River, trying to make its way into the tropical regions. Although we have lost our sleighing, yet we have plenty of dipping, which is a caution to old folks and cripples.

Quota.—The following are the quotas of the several towns in Steele Co., under the call of Dec. 19, 1884:

Aurora,	3	Melford,	—
Berlin,	8	Merton,	9
Clemin Falls,	7	Owatonna,	45
Dover,	4	Summit,	8
Lemond,	2		

Narrow Escape.—Last Wednesday while the Steam Saw Mill was in motion, the carriage was thrown from the track, and Mr. WOOD and went down into the pit, to assist in adjusting the carriage, and while there accidentally stepped under the saw, which took a piece out of his head the width of the saw, from the upper and fore part of the head backward about three inches, severing the skull nearly to the substance of the brain. As the brain was supposed to be uninjured, he will probably recover.

Bounty.—We hear much said about another bounty to raise fifteen more men to fill our quota. We are inclined to think from what we can learn, that to attempt to raise another sum for bounty will prove a failure. The people will not submit to any further bounties, and if it is attempted the money already voted will be contested, and if it gets into a litigation the bonds may not be paid for years to come, and in order that no trouble may arise it would be well that further action as to bounty should be suspended.

City Item.—We have learned that the Germans in the city are trying to run under the Owatonna Brewery, kept by Mr. MAES, who is not a German, but they will find it up-hill business. Although they keep nearly all the drinking saloons in town, yet they cannot force the people to drink the beer they may desire to furnish them, and if they don't keep such beer as their customers wish, they will go where they can. It is admitted by all disinterested persons that Mr. MAES makes the best beer in the West, and by those who are a judge any it is fully equal to the Albany Ale, and Mr. MAES proposes that our citizens shall have a chance of knowing for themselves, as he will sell it hereafter for ten cents a quart, forty cents by the single gallon or thirty-one cents by the keg.

Concert.—The Concert on Wednesday evening last, at the Presbyterian Church, was decidedly the best entertainment of the kind of the season. The singers were all our own citizens, with but two exceptions, who had been under the instruction of Prof. W. E. HAWLEY for the last two weeks, who understands the instruction of the human voice as well, if not better, than any other individual in the State. There was a good house, many more than could have been reasonably expected, considering the very unfavorable weather. Those present were highly gratified with the result, and the improvement made by our choirs in so short a time, far exceeded the expectation of the most sanguine. There were about forty singers in the choir, and their singing was a credit to themselves, and an honor to the city. It is not betting to discriminate on this occasion, as they all bore well their part, and contributed not a little to make the evening interesting.

New Advertisements.

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23 ACRES TOWN LOTS FOR SALE!

W. 1/2 of S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4 of Section 4, Lot 1 & 2 in S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Section 9, Lot No. 6 in S. E. 1/4 of N. W. 1/4 of Section 10, all in Township 107, Range 20, west. Price \$1000; \$300 cash; balance in one and two years. Interest, 7 percent. Title perfect. Address J. H. JAY KNOX, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

FURS! FURS! FURS!

Wanted, for Cash, all kinds of shipping furs, for which the highest market price will be paid, by JOHN C. FORTER, Wilton, October 6th, 1885.

Internal Revenue Notice.

SPECIAL INCOME TAX.

OFFICE COLLECTOR INTERNAL REVENUE, 1 First Dist., MINN., Mankato, Jan. 25, 1885. Notice is hereby given, that the lists of taxes assessed in accordance with the joint resolution of Congress, approved July 4th, 1884, imposing a special tax of five per centum upon the gains, profits or income for the year ending December 31st, 1884, has been returned to me by the Assessor of the District, and that said taxes are now due and payable, and payment thereof is hereby demanded, and that I will attend either in person or by deputy, at the office of Wm. R. KINYON, the Deputy Collector for the Eighth Division of the First Collection District of the State of Minnesota, in Owatonna, in the county of Steele, from the 9th to the 15th of February, 1885. A personal notice by mailing, demanding payment within ten days from the service, will be mailed to the address of each person on the list who shall omit to pay such tax for more than ten days from said 15th day of February, for which a fee of twenty cents will be added. And all persons who shall neglect to pay the sum so demanded within the time specified in such special notice, will be liable to pay TEN PER CENTUM additional, and a fee of twenty cents for the service of the notice.

JOHN N. HALL, Collector First Dist. Minnesota.

MORTGAGE SALE.—Whereas, Mathias Naigert and Susan Margaret Naigert, his wife, of the County of Rice, and Territory (now State) of Minnesota, did on the 30th day of April A. D. 1884 execute and deliver to S. H. & McCutchen (a firm composed of James Shields and Joseph McCutchen) of the same place, their deed of mortgage, whereby they granted and conveyed to said Shields & McCutchen, their heirs and assigns forever, the following tract or parcel of land, situated and being in the County of Steele and Territory (now State) of Minnesota, described as follows, to wit: The west half of the north west quarter of Section number eight, and the south west quarter of the south west quarter of Section number five and the south east quarter of the south east quarter of Section number six, all in Township number one hundred and seven north, of Range number twenty-two west, containing 160 acres, more or less, to secure to them, their heirs and assigns, the payment of the sum of four hundred dollars, due in twelve months after date, with interest at the rate of three per cent, per month from date till due, and five percent, per month from date till paid, interest payable semi-annually, according to the condition of said Mathias Naigert's promissory note, bearing even date with said mortgage, which mortgage was duly recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, in and for said county of Steele, on the twenty-eighth day of May A. D. 1884, at eleven o'clock A. M., in Book "A" of Mortgages, on pages 311 and 312. And whereas, said James Shields, one partner of said firm of Shields & McCutchen, did, on the twenty-sixth day of August, A. D. 1885, sell and assign unto said S. H. & McCutchen, the only remaining partner of said firm, all his right, title and interest in and to said mortgage, and the note thereby secured, which assignment was duly recorded in said Register's Office, on the twenty-eighth day of November, A. D. 1885, at 9 o'clock A. M., in Book "C" of Mortgages, on page 277. And whereas, default has been made in the condition of said mortgage by the non-payment of said note, wherein there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of seven hundred and thirty-three dollars, to wit: four hundred dollars of principal and three hundred and thirty-three dollars interest thereon, and no proceedings having been instituted at law or otherwise to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, and no part thereof having been paid; Now therefore, notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a power of sale in said mortgage contained, and of the Statute in such behalf made and provided, said mortgage will be foreclosed, and said mortgaged premises will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House of the County of Steele, in the village of Owatonna in said county of Steele, on the seventeenth day of March, A. D. 1885, at ten o'clock A. M. of that day, to satisfy the amount due on said mortgage, with the costs of sale, together with the sum of seventy dollars and fifty cents, being the tax on said premises for the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892 and 1893, and interest thereon paid by said McCutchen, Daniel Fairbault, February 1st, 1885. JAMES H. MCCUTCHEN, Mortgagee and Assignee.

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Owatonna, Feb. 18, 1885. 4322

Dr. I. Glickert,

DENTIST, respectfully announces to the people of Owatonna and neighboring towns, that he has opened an office in G. W. Chesley's Photograph Room, over Wadsworth's Store, where he is prepared to perform all operations in Mechanical and Operative Dentistry in a manner warranted to give satisfaction. Those having badly fitting gold or silver plates can exchange them for nicely adjusted Rubber ones on reasonable terms.

Owatonna, Jan. 19, 1885. [v2n212f]

W. L. Gaylord's Column.

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We shall be happy to exhibit our stock of goods to all who may favor us with a call.

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All Wool Merinos, \$1.25 "

Best Dress Prints, 30 "

Fast Colors Prints, 25 "

Domestic Cinghamas, 25c50 "

Fine Corset Jeans, 40 "

Worsted Dress Trimmings, 5 "

25- Worsted Braids, 12 1/2c each

Narrow Worsted Braids, 25 "

Best Spool Cotton (Willimantic) 10c spool

Common Plaid, 5 Paper

Shetland Wool, 25 pr oz

Zephyr Worsted, 25 "

Fine Common Cambrics, 25 pr yd

Paper Cambrics, 25 "

Heavy Yard Wide Sheetings, 45 "

Fine Sheetings, 25c50 "

Indian Orchard O 37 inch Fine Sheetings, 42 "

Fine Bleached Cotton, 30 "

Women Shirting Flannels, 50 "

All Wool Twilled, 50c75 "

Cotton Batting, 25 pr lb

Fine Cotton Batting, 15 pr lb

Ladies' Fine Cinghamas, \$7.00/\$8.00 each

Heavy Long Shawls, \$6.00/\$8.00

Fine Cashmere, \$5.00 "

Good Balmoral Skirts, \$5.00 "

Hoop Skirts, job lot, cheap.

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Fine Sheetings, 25c50 "

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Ladies' Fine Cinghamas, \$7.00/\$8.00 each

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